**June 13, 2022 report “NJ 50x30 Building Electrification Team”, by Steve Miller, co-leader**

Describes previous month’s activities and plans of the “NJ 50x30 Building Electrification Team”, led by co-leaders Steve and Pat Miller

We invite all NJ Sierra Club members to join our team to eliminate 26% of NJ total Green House Gas emissions. Following are previous month activities and plans of the “NJ 50x30 Building Electrification Team”

1. **Stimulate the NJ Administration to adopt a building electrification goal of 50% GHG reduction by 2030 and aggressively drive programs and incentives to reach that goal.**

* We authored 2 letters to Gov. Murphy, and met with 4 NJ agencies, and others, to review the 6 recommendations in the two letters
* **DETAILS:**
* May 2: released a Building Electrification [letter and position paper](https://climate.smiller.org/REF/2022-5-2MurphyBuildingElecLetterMerge.pdf) with 6 key recommendations to Gov. Murphy.
* May 11: released letter to Gov. Murphy with Building Electrification recommendations for the 3300 affordable housing units in his current $305 Million funding proposal
* May 10: met with Jennifer Senick, Exec.Dir, Rutgers Center for Green Building. Jennifer is funded by the NJ BPU to use the NEEP (North
* May 12: met with Stacy Richardson, Director of the NJ BPU Clean Energy Program
* May 13 Met with Jessica Tritsch (NJ National Building Electrification Campaign Manager). Our objective: enable networking best practices among teams across the US. Joined the Sierra Club National Building Electrification list-serv.
* May 16 met with the NJ DCA (Div of NJ Building Codes) and recommended adoption of the [New Jersey Zero Energy Roadmap](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1shwnrKliQEGD2Pgtr28kyr0M_r2kO9qSAZmQ1-g1Ucw/edit) stretch goals which are in preparation by the NEEP/Rutgers Center for Green Energy
* June 8 met with Catherine Klinger, Sr. Policy Advisor within Jane Cohen’s (Gov. Murphy’s) Office of Climate Action and the Green Economy

1. **Amend currently proposed NJ legislation, and/or pass a new bill which specifically furthers NJ Building Electrification**

* We drafted amendments to existing NJ A1440 proposed legislation, drafted a new bill “The Building Electrification Act” and are currently adding A1440 amendments to “The Building Electrification Act”
* We are beginning review to gain support for The Building Electrification Act” from Sierra Club NJ Chapter Legislative Committee; junior and Senior management of the NJ BPU; and shopping for NJ Senate and NJ Assembly sponsors (Sen Andrew Zwicker and Sen Bob Smith?)
* **DETAILS:**
* May 18 met with NJ Assemblyman James Kennedy, sponsor of A1440 “Zero Energy Construction Act”
* June 6 (followed by 1st Mon in July): Review and gain approval of the Legislative Committee of NJ Chapter of Sierra Club
* On June 6, we met to gain approval of John Kashwick’s Legislative Committee for amendments to A1440. This will continue with early July discussions (to include discussions leading to SC approval of the “Building Electrification Act”).
* We plan to review the “Building Electrification Act” with NJBPU Chief Counsel Abe Silverman, and Chief Economist Ben Witherell (the highest managers in NJ BPU)
* Then shop for legislative sponsors for “The Building Electrification Act”, to include meetings with Sen Andrew Zwicker, and Sen Bob Smith

1. **Educate Public and HVAC Industry**: We usually hold monthly webinars to educate the public, and NJ HVAC industry about options to drive NJ housing toward Net Zero GHG emission.

* **The next webinar is 7PM, June** 16 **(**[**RSVP HERE**](https://bit.ly/3tmyd1g)**) (**if difficulty accessing the RSVP, use this[**shortened URL**](https://bit.ly/3tmyd1g))**. Also see NJ Chapter Calendar. This features 4 NJ homeowners who describe how they are making steady improvements in their homes to reach NetZero.** These webinars are educational tools toward achieving our Team’s NJ goals of 100,000 new and retrofit residential building units electrified by 2025, and 800,000 by 2030.
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