NY-GEO 2023 • NY-GEO 2023 • NY-GEO 2023 • NY-GEO 2023



# Conversion Strategies for Large Buildings in Cold Climates



#### **Moderator:**

Jared Rodriguez / Emergent Urban Concepts

#### **Panel:**

Abdulla Darrat / Renewal Construction
Yazan Mhithawi / Bright Power
Miguel Gaspar / Loring Engineering
Rachel Carpitella / Sustainable Westchester

Presented Live at the NY-GEO 2023 Conference Albany, New York on April 26, 2023

## A BIG THANK YOU to This Year's Sponsors!







### WHITNEY YOUNG MANOR

354 and 358 Nepperhan Ave, YONKERS, NY

- 195 apartments originally built in 1973
- Apartments are contained within two 12-story buildings
- Concrete superstructure, brick façade on CMU back-up wall
- Original rehab in 2006 under the LIHTC program was completed by Omni New York LLC
- Original LIHTC compliance period ended in 2021, and Omni New York LLC is pursuing a LIHTC resyndication to complete a \$83.5 million (TDC) comprehensive retrofit
- Project was awarded \$5 million by NYSERDA as a part of Empire State Building Challenge
- Focus on building resilience and simplicity as the basis for an electrification model
- Comprehensive retrofit to include:
  - Full envelope retrofit—including new EIFS exterior, UPVC casement windows and roof
  - Overhaul of the existing electrical resistance heating system and window ACs to a new centralized electric heat pump plant with backup gas-fired condensing boilers
  - Full interior upgrades, including new flooring, bathrooms, kitchens, elevators, etc.











## SUSTAINABLE WESTCHESTER







## SUSTAINABLE WESTCHESTER PROGRAMS

## COMMUNITY ENERGY

#### BUILDING ENERGY

## **ELECTRIFICATION SOLUTIONS**

ZERO WASTE

WESTCHESTER POWER



**COMMERCIAL & ENERGYSMART HOMES** 



SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPING



RECYCLE RIGHT APP



**COMMUNITY SOLAR** 



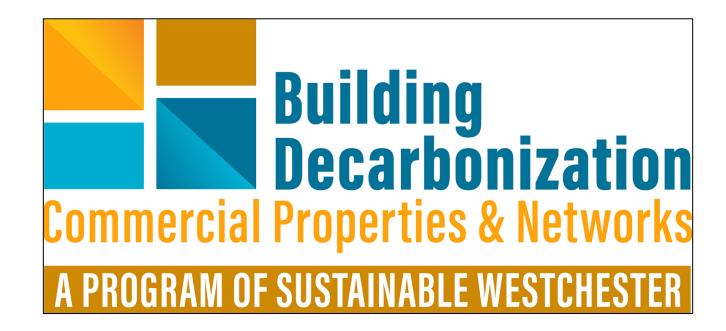
**GRIDREWARDS** 



**CLEAN TRANSPORTATION** 







- Secured \$1,000,000+ in competitive and non-competitive grants, tax rebates, and equipment incentives secured for clients in 2022 to fund:
  - Energy studies baseline & conservation measure recs
  - Feasibility evaluation technical assistance to model implementation
  - Design shovel ready
  - Implementation financing and contractor connections



# RFQ Building Decarbonization Preferred Providers

We aim to develop a vetted list of preferred solution providers to recommend to our clients. We seek submissions detailing your qualifications for consideration to decarbonize buildings across our member municipalities.

- Questions about the RFQ are due no later than May 5, 2023.
- The RFQ submission deadline is May 26, 2023.
- For full RFQ details and the submission form scan the QR code.





### The Westchester County Clean Energy Accelerator (CEA)

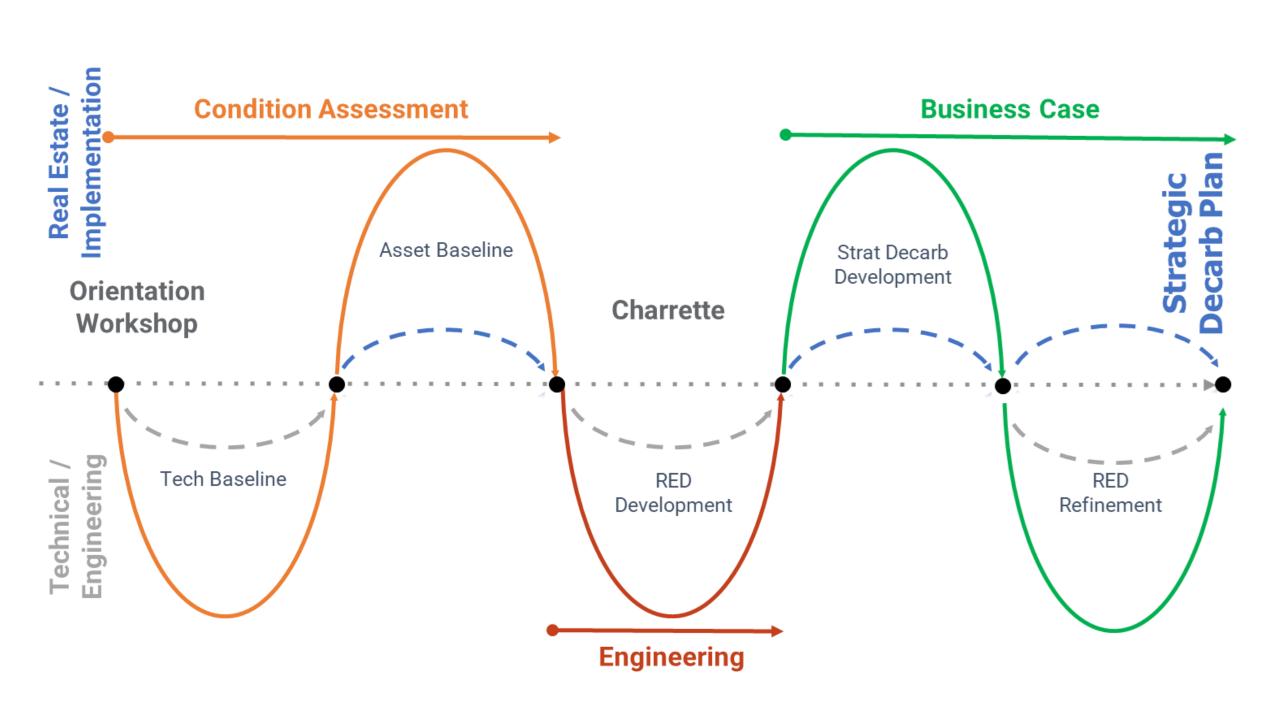
In partnership with Westchester County's Office of Economic Development, The Catalyst, Sustainable Westchester is launching a program to accelerate the Clean Energy Sector.

#### **CEA**: Careers Working Group

- Connects the clean energy industry, higher education, technical trades, and
  job seekers to work together to identify the needs of the green local
  economy, accelerate a just transition, and train the climate career workforce.
- Educates the local workforce of the training and hiring opportunities already available.
- Informs businesses of opportunities to develop their clean energy offerings and potentially hire workers at a subsidized rate through the NYSERDA program.







## Pathways to carbon neutrality are riddled with blind spots and misconceptions.

#### BLIND SPOT SOLUTION

Simple Payback Measures → Strategic Decarb Assessment (SDA)

1:1 equipment swap → Resource Efficient Decarbonization (RED)

My Engineer says "No!"  $\rightarrow$  RED (!)

Electrify everything...at once  $\rightarrow$  Electrify everything... efficiently, eventually

Wait for better tech to come along → Enabling steps

Not a tenant priority  $\rightarrow$  ESG, indoor comfort and IAQ benefits

Electricity Produces Emissions → CLCPA

Too disruptive → Decision tree

Resource Efficient Decarbonization (RED): an incremental methodology and integrated design process combined with strategic capital planning creates a path towards carbon neutral buildings.

