

Events in Store for February and Beyond

We know you are totally into this stuff - so come out and join us. The variety of events we have planned for the next few weeks constitutes a broad curriculum of engagement. If you are looking for ways to participate in the great transition to a sustainable and resilient built environment, come out to one or more of the programs below:



A Preview of the Events to Come!

Last Chance for Feb: LEED

Green Associate Exam Prep Class



Exam Preparation

If you or a colleague need to take the exam to build up your resume and get up to speed with LEED, join us for this all-day exam prep course. After this session, you will be ready to jam on the exam!

You can still sign up, so if you had been meaning to go for it, register now and come on out to dedicate the time to this.

[Thursday, 2/18/16 at 8:30am to 5:30pm in Boston](#)

This is a great course to take and an excellent & condensed way to get on top of the material. Practice questions and test-taking strategies are shared and you'll walk away with confidence!

Net Zero Building Tour: Department of Fisheries & Wildlife

The Chapter has organized a tour & workshop at the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife, Field Headquarters Building, in Westborough, MA.



The facility achieves zero net energy through solar photovoltaics and innovative mechanical systems as well as building envelope quality and reduction of all energy loads through building management.

The building features a very efficient envelope with triple glazed curtain wall and metal windows as well as structural insulated panels. It has been oriented to optimize production from the rooftop photovoltaic panels while minimizing heating and cooling energy use.

This [building tour](#) will be on Tuesday, 2/23 in Westborough, MA from 1:30 - 3:30. [RSVP here!](#)

Policy Podium: Net Metering

An open discussion with expert colleagues about moving forward with solar and net metering in Massachusetts. As recent legislative proposals have shown, solar advocates

and our House legislative leaders can't seem to find a path forward for net metering.

The obstacles to a resolution center around the cost of solar in Massachusetts, yet there is currently no action on the Net Metering Task Force (NMTF) recommendation to study the monetary costs and benefits of distributed generation solar. What do we, as advocates, need to know about the energy system in order to push most effectively on behalf of our mission?



NET METERING

Join us for this [Policy Podium](#) event on Thursday, 2/25 at 8:30am. [RSVP here!](#)

Conference: Boston Sustainability & Property Management

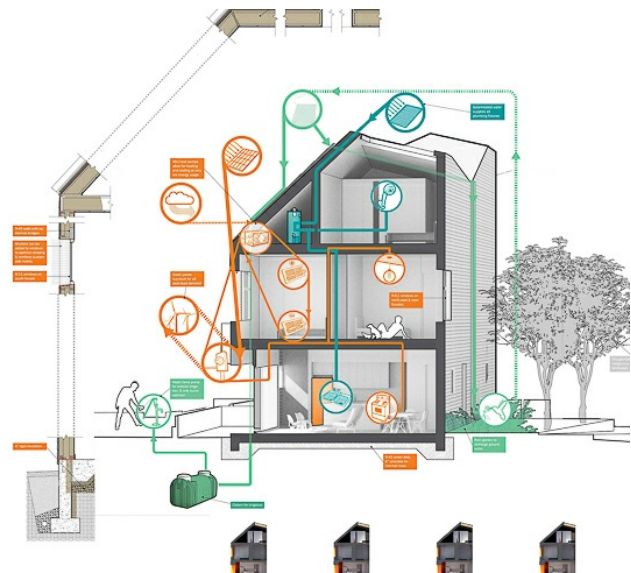


Join Bisnow on March 1st for their first Sustainability & Property Management event! Find out the real value that sustainability creates, and learn more about how climate change affects coastal cities like Boston. A second panel focused on maximizing property values through efficiencies in building operation will also be held.

[Click here](#) to learn more and register for this event!

Vanguard Series: "E+ - Key Secrets to Success with Net Positive Development"

Join John Dalzell, Senior Architect at the Boston Redevelopment Authority for Part 1 of his three part E+ Series on the city's energy positive affordable energy development. This is a technical presentation on the E+ program. We look forward to having a deep level discussion on net-positive building development.



This [session](#) will be on Wednesday, 3/2 in Boston, MA. [RSVP here!](#)

BuildingEnergy16: NESEA's big show is coming right up!

Wednesday, 3/9/16 and
Thursday, 3/10/16



This is our community of practitioners' biggest local opportunity to gather together and manifest our breadth of expertise. Each year the Northeast Sustainable Energy Association (NESEA) produces BuildingEnergy. It is a place to shape a vision of a sustainable built environment and to do the whole systems thinking it will take to get there.

BuildingEnergy presents hundreds of hours of educational sessions and workshops over three days. On the main days of the conference, there are over fifty 90-minute sessions featuring one or more professional speakers. Additional full- and half-day workshops on the prior Tuesday (see below) are led by master practitioners working in the Northeast and beyond.

In the past, the organizers aligned the session content with "tracks," but this year they are highlighting a smaller number of areas of focus, supplemented by a diverse range of keywords to help you find what you need to advance your practice.

[Register here to attend!](#)

Just for you: our education sessions at BuildingEnergy!

Tuesday, 3/8/16

["Hacking LEED v4: Innovation and Performance"](#) at 10am-1pm

How will green building practitioners use the updated and mandated LEED v4 to raise the bar on energy & environmental

performance in buildings? At the end of October 2016, the current LEED 2009 system will no longer accept new projects and all projects will be registering in v4. Will you be ready?

["Building Blocks for Green Master Planning: A Hands-on Introduction to LEED ND"](#) at 2pm-5pm

This engaging, hands-on workshop will give participants a "learning by doing" introduction to sustainable site planning principles and USGBC's LEED for Neighborhood Development program. Participants will complete a series of guided exercises in small teams to develop



their own plans for these sites using wooden building blocks on top of the case study site plan. Teams will test development feasibility, do site design, and apply LEED ND credits to their plans.

See you there!

A USGBC MA Original: Our COP21 Paris Climate Talks Unconference



In March, the USGBC MA Chapter will be hosting a special **COP21 Paris Climate Talks Unconference**, to gather relevant parties to explore how building practitioners are connecting to statewide and national GHG targets.

This is a unique opportunity to discuss the historic 2015 United Nations Congress of the Parties (COP21), held this past December in Paris, France. The provisions and commitments reached in the agreement have global implications for sustainability, climate change, and green building, and certainly warrant a closer examination, extensive analysis, and more discussion.

For this reason, we have put together a half-day event featuring a community of experts from a variety of organizations and firms. Panelists who attended the Paris climate talks will be present, with break-out groups led by local issue experts. [See more about the event on our website.](#)

March 29th, 2016 8:30 AM through 11:30 AM. [Register Now!](#)



AEE Conference: GLOBALCON - March 9-10, 2016

On March 9-10, [the 27th annual GLOBALCON Expo](#) will be held in Boston's Hynes Convention Center! Along with this year's expo will be a conference, seminars, and workshops that allow attendees to discover new products, techniques, solutions and services, and network with industry professionals.

USGBC MA has obtained free tickets to the Expo for any of our Members that wish to attend, and we also have a handful of remaining discounted tickets to the full conference for a special rate of \$595 (which is a \$300 discount). This package would include: admission to the multitrack conference sessions, a pass to attend the exposition, a copy of the Show Proceedings, as well as luncheons in the

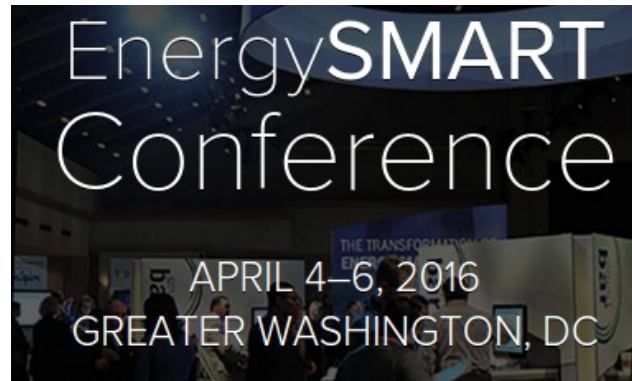
exhibit hall.

Lastly, if you plan on attending the exposition, make sure to stop by our booth! We are also looking for volunteers to man the booth if you would like to be on the front lines.

EnerNOC's EnergySMART Conference!

Our friendly sponsor EnerNOC is producing an exciting 3 day conference in Washington, D.C from April 4 - 6.

EnergySMART 2016 is about charting the change, and placing you ahead of it. Join top enterprises, energy service providers, and technology leaders to rethink the industry and refine your approach to energy management.



[Click here](#) to learn more about this event and register!



And now: A special announcement - SAVE THE DATE - we are holding our Building Tech Forum on 4/21 at Greentown Labs

Building tech is the **intersection** of the **innovation economy** and **real estate**.

The green building industry is right here in the middle of it - creating new ways to increase the value of real estate and improve the sustainability of our building stock and our communities in general. Join us for a great gathering to connect people involved in the intersection of buildings and technological innovation.

[Take a look here to read more about the event and register.](#)

Upcoming Webinars:

- 2/17, 4:30pm - 6pm, [Staying Current: Energy Codes & Sustainability Trends](#) (in-person webinar), Location: 50 Milk Street, 17th Floor, Hercules Conference Room, Boston, MA 02109
- 2/18 6pm - 7pm, [Green Roofs Costs and Benefits](#) (in-person webinar). Location: Sustainability Hub, 912 South Main Street, Worcester MA 01610

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