

# Cooling America: Helping disadvantaged communities across the United States cope with extreme heat

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# ① Extreme Heat



# Climate change has brought **deadly heat waves, wildfires, and the world's hottest days**

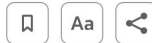
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## World breaks hottest-day record for third time this week, U.S. agency says

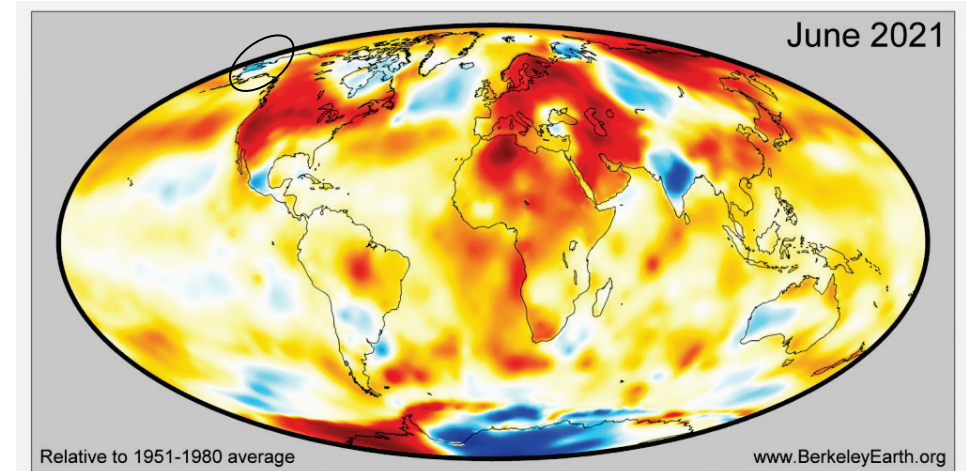
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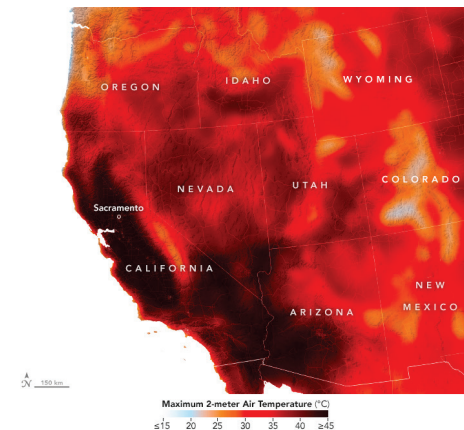


A woman walks with cold patches on her forehead and neck amid a red alert for heatwave in Beijing, China June 23, 2023. REUTERS/Tingshu Wang/

7/2023: Record-breaking world average temp.



6/2021 Pac. NW: Death toll exceeded 1,400 in a region unprepared for extreme heat



9/2022: Record temps in California, extreme heat fueled wildfires and stressed the grid



# Heat wave impacts have **disproportionate impacts on underserved, disadvantaged communities**

- **Extreme heat is the leading cause of weather-related deaths in the USA**
- Greater risk for people who do not have access to air conditioning
- There are many vulnerable populations during heat waves including elderly, very young, and low-income residents
- There are heat related disparities by race/ethnicity (56% higher death rate in heat for Blacks than Whites in CA)





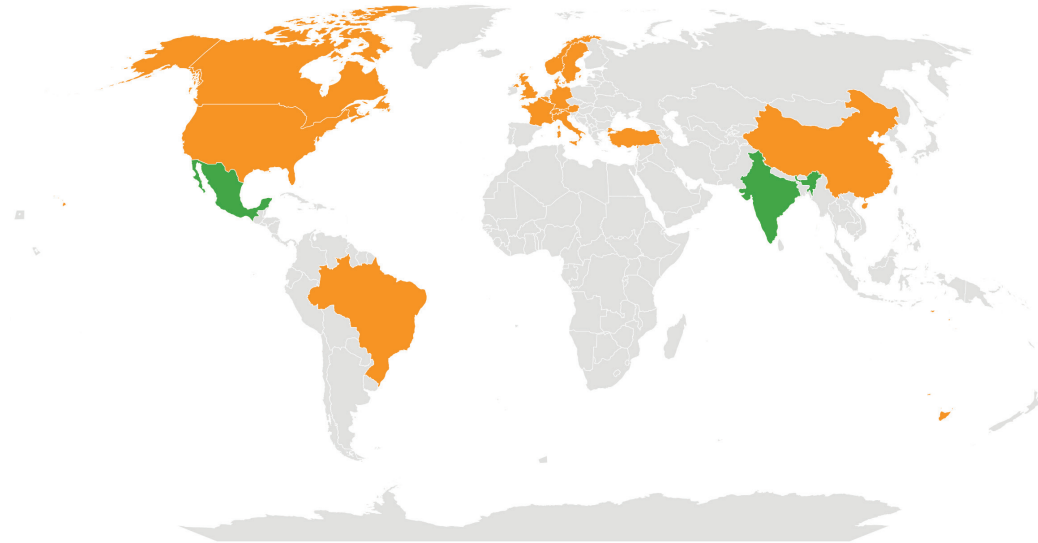
## **② IEA Annex 80: Resilient Cooling of Buildings**



# IEA Annex 80: Resilient Cooling of Buildings is a 19-nation project advancing passive and low-energy, low-carbon cooling strategies

Supports the rapid transition to an environment where resilient low-energy and low-carbon cooling systems are the mainstream and preferred solutions for cooling and overheating issues in buildings.

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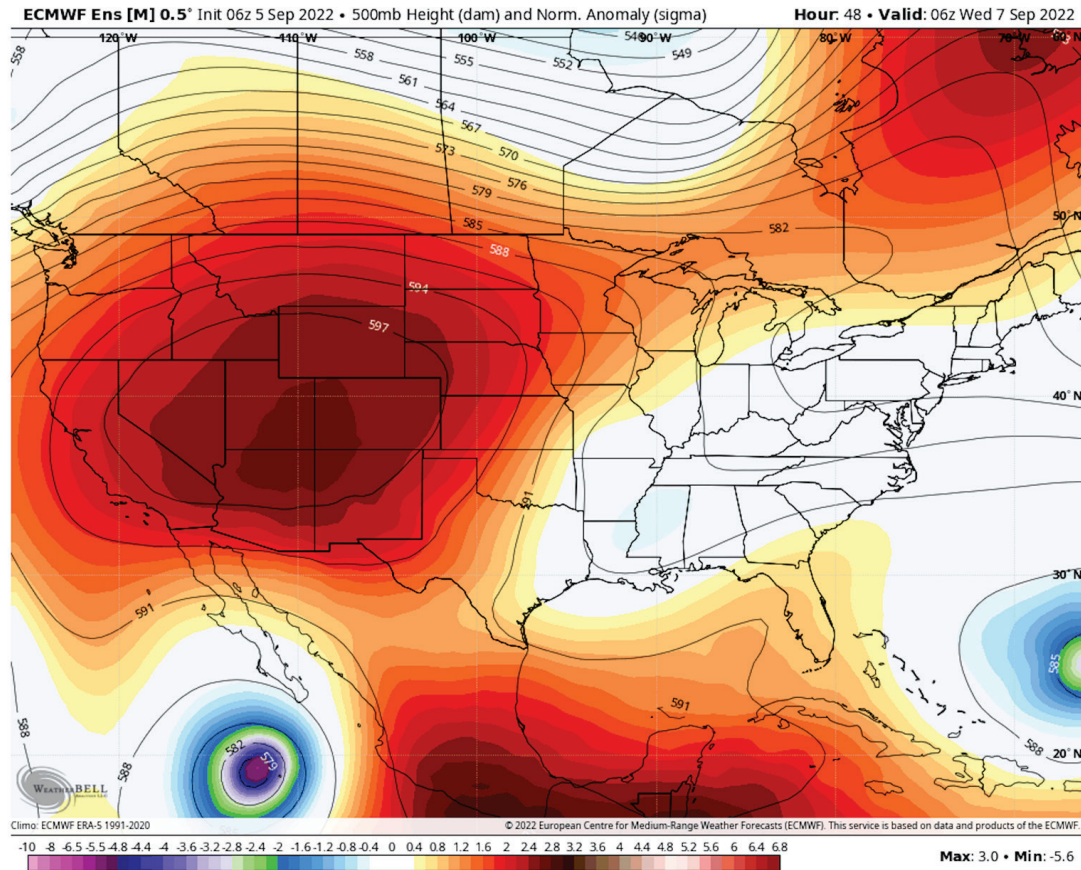
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# The Institute of Building Research & Innovation (Vienna) leads this ~35-party collaboration

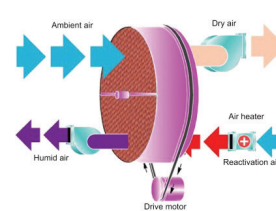
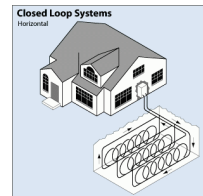
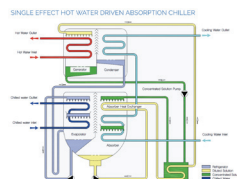
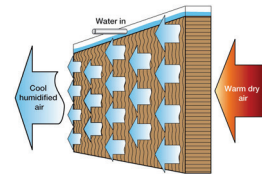
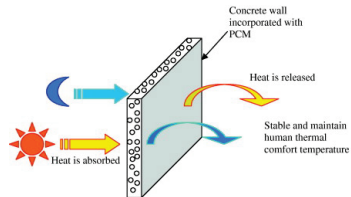
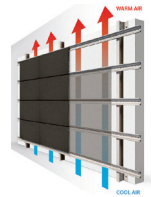


# Annex 80 focuses on cooling technologies and policies that **boost resilience to heat waves** and **power outages**





# Cooling strategies (A) reduce heat gain, (B) remove sensible heat, (C) enhance personal comfort, or (D) remove latent heat



A1: Advanced solar shading/advanced glazing

A2: Cool envelope materials

A3a: Evaporative envelope surfaces

A3b: Ventilated envelope surfaces

A4: Heat storage and release

B1: Ventilative cooling

B2: Adiabatic/evaporative cooling

B3: Compression refrigeration

B4: Absorption refrigeration

B5: Natural heat sinks

B6: Higher-temperature cooling systems

C1: Comfort ventilation

C2: Micro-cooling and personal comfort control

D1: High-performance dehumidification



# Meet the U.S. Annex 80 team at LBNL and UC Berkeley (\* = past member)



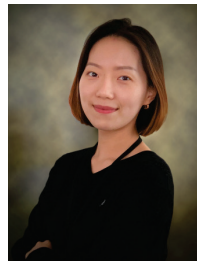
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# **LBNL** contributed to Annex Subtasks A (Fundamentals) and B (Solutions), and **led Subtask D: Policy Actions**

## **A: Fundamentals**

Define resilient cooling  
Select KPIs  
Create future weather files

## **B: Solutions**

Create simulation framework  
Assess potential benefits  
Develop technology profiles

## **C: Field Studies**

Create measurement framework  
Measure solution performance  
Develop guidelines

## **D: Policy Actions**

Review existing policies  
Develop policy recommendations  
Disseminate recommendations

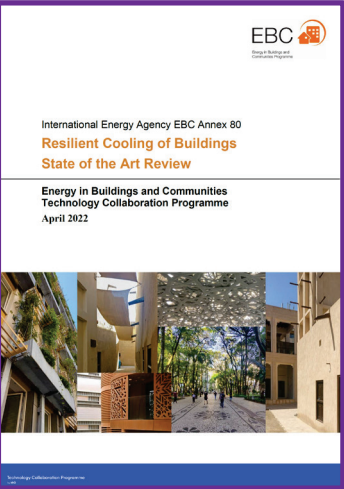




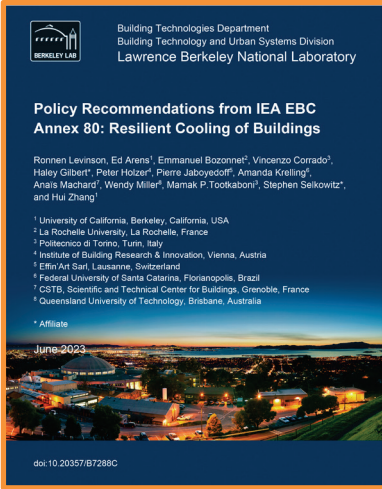
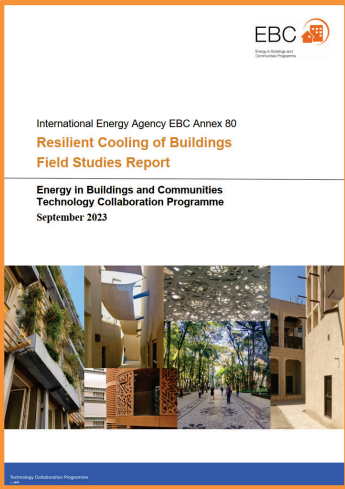
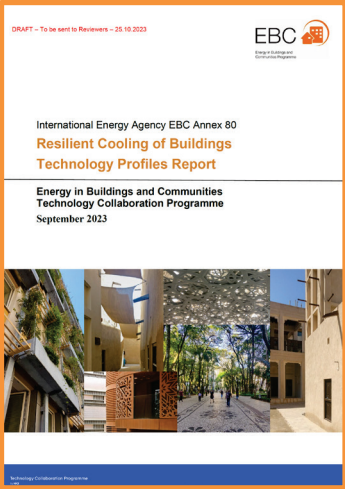
# The Annex has published >20 articles and reports, with more on the way this year

## ① What is “resilient cooling”?

## ② What’s the state of the art?



## ③ What technologies, practices, and policies do we recommend?



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# LBNL led the development and dissemination

## 37 brief policy recommendations



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### Policy Recommendations from IEA EBC Annex 80: Resilient Cooling of Buildings

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3.21 Provide credit for occupant-controlled air movement in green building certification programs

**Policy number:** 21

**Category:** C1 (Comfort ventilation)

**Author(s):** Ed Arens & Hui Zhang

**Summary:** Inclusion of occupant-controlled air movement, such as ASHRAE Standard 55 Sections 5 & 6, in green building certification programs to credit group control of air movement.

**POLICY MECHANISM(S)**

| Regulation | Information | Incentives | R&D | Standards |
|------------|-------------|------------|-----|-----------|
|            | ✓           | ✓          |     | ✓         |

**TECHNOLOGY TARGET**

| Specific | Agnostic |
|----------|----------|
| ✓        |          |

**DISRUPTION(S) MITIGATED**

| Heat Wave | Power Outage |
|-----------|--------------|
| ✓         | ✓            |

**What:** We recommend that green building rating programs such as LEED, WELL, and GreenGlobes specifically encourage the wider use of fan-induced air movement in design and retrofits by invoking the new comfort criteria given in ASHRAE Standard 55-2020 (*Thermal Environmental Conditions for Human Occupancy*) Sections 5 and 6. Section 5.3 specifies the boundaries of thermal comfort for different air speeds under two different levels of occupant control. Section 5.4 (and some European standards) increase the comfortable range of the Adaptive Model for different air speeds at higher temperatures, though the level of occupant control is not specified. Section 6 provides five classification levels for the effectiveness of various types of personal- and group-controlled comfort devices using the corrective power metric.

**Why:** Indoor air movement is an energy-efficient and occupant-responsive means of cooling occupants for their comfort. There are also associated health benefits from increased levels of indoor ventilative mixing, to its ability to help occupants survive extreme temperatures. Indoor air movement has never been part of conventional HVAC or comfort standards, which instead focused on operative temperature and humidity control, and on eliminating cold drafts. Only recently have the positive effects of air movement been properly addressed in standards and

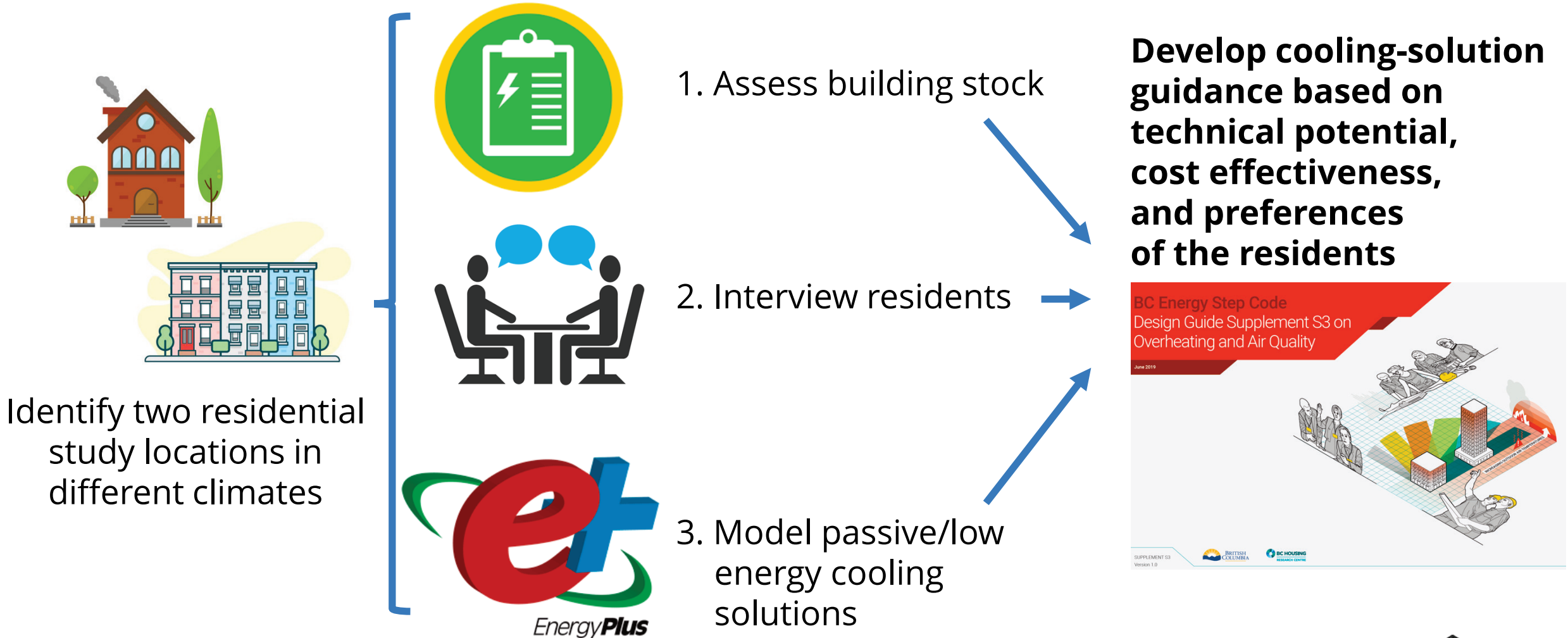
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# U.S. team is developing **passive/low-energy cooling solutions guidance for disadvantaged communities** in Atlanta, GA and Mystic River, MA (near Boston)



We have **engaged trusted local organizations in each community** to help implement the project

## West Atlanta Watershed Alliance (GA)



**Existing** heat problem



Ranch-style single-family home in Atlanta



Duplex multi-family home in Atlanta

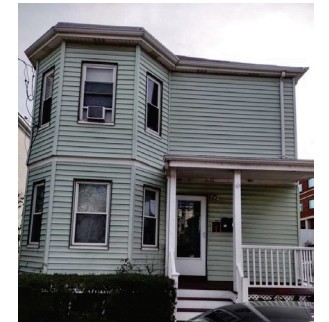
## Mystic River Watershed Association (MA)



**Emerging** heat problem



Colonial old-style single-family home near Boston



Double-decker multi-family home near Boston





# We audited 17 homes and interviewed 50 residents, split between Atlanta and Boston, about coping with heat



"When we get those nice little breezes, I like to see everything blowing and a little breeze come in. Then I keep the window in the kitchen, in the summertime I keep it open all the time." — B., Atlanta

"I try to go shopping early in the morning, stay inside in the air conditioning. Try not to go out. Work in the morning or at night after it cools off. Get ready and have a lot of water in the fridge to drink, ice..." — T., Boston





# Berkeley Lab + UC Berkeley modeled **solar control technologies, natural ventilation, and ceiling fans** in each community



Cool roofs



Solar-control windows



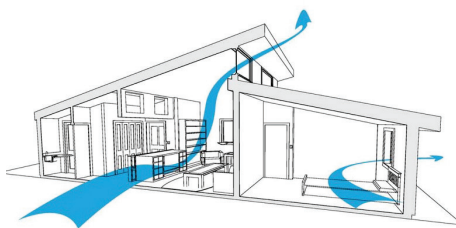
Ceiling fans



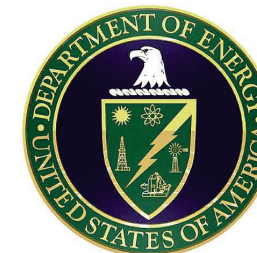
Cool walls



Window shading



Natural ventilation



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# We modeled **accessible** and **ambitious** versions of each solution or package of solutions in 2010, 2030, and 2050 (fTMY)

| Strategies                          | Baseline                                            | Most accessible                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Most ambitious                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Cool roof                        | Aged roof solar reflectance 0.10                    | Aged roof solar reflectance 0.40 (high-performance cool colored asphalt shingle roof)                                                                                                                                                                                    | Aged roof solar reflectance 0.60 (bright-white asphalt shingle roof)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 2. Cool wall                        | Aged roof solar reflectance 0.25                    | Aged wall solar reflectance 0.60 (dull-white or off-white painted wall)                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Aged wall solar reflectance 0.60 (dull-white or off-white painted wall)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 3. Solar-control window             | SHGC 0.7, VT 0.88, U-value 5.35 W/m <sup>2</sup> ·K | Window SHGC 0.15, VT 0.23 (spectrally selective glazing with lower light transmission), thermal transmittance (U-value) 5.35 W/m <sup>2</sup> ·K for single-pane window                                                                                                  | Window SHGC and VT are switched from dark (SHGC 0.10, VT 0.15) to light (SHGC 0.50, VT 0.75) (dynamic glazing) with daylighting control based on solar irradiance on window, U-value 1.70 W/m <sup>2</sup> ·K for double-pane window                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 4. Fixed exterior shading           | No fixed exterior shading                           | External solar control screens or film with SHGC 0.20 and VT 0.30                                                                                                                                                                                                        | External solar control screens or film with SHGC 0.20 and VT 0.30 PLUS external horizontal or vertical louvers (vertical fins and horizontal overhangs). Details: the louver shall be 0.5 m deep. On the south facade of the building, use a horizontal overhang; on the east facade, use a vertical fin on the southern side of the window; on the west facade use a vertical fin on the southern side of the window. No fins or overhangs on the north facade |
| 5. Operable window shading          | No operable window shading                          | Manually operated external shades/blinds/shutters, SHGC 0.10 and VT 0.09 when deployed, AERC standard manual operation schedule                                                                                                                                          | Automatically operated external shades/blinds, SHGC 0.10 and VT 0.09 when deployed, AERC standard automation algorithm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 6. Natural ventilation              | No natural ventilation                              | When opened, the fraction of window area that is operable is 25%. Windows are always closed from 7 am to 10 pm. Windows are open for night cooling between 10 pm and 7 am when the outside air temperature is above the heating setpoint and below the cooling setpoint. | When opened, the fraction of window area that is operable is 50%. Windows are open only when the outside air temperature is above the heating setpoint and below the cooling setpoint.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 7. Ceiling fan                      | No ceiling fan                                      | Raise the cooling set point temperature to 28.9 °C and increase average air speed (m/s) near human skin to the result of the indoor air temperature function up to 1.6 m/s for the occupied hours if indoor air temperature is above 24.9 °C                             | Raise the cooling set point temperature to 28.9 °C and increase average air speed (m/s) near human skin to the result of the indoor air temperature function up to 1.6 m/s for the occupied hours if indoor air temperature is above 24.9 °C                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 8. Envelope package                 | -                                                   | Most accessible cool roof, cool wall, and fixed exterior shading                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Most ambitious cool roof, cool wall, and fixed exterior shading                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 9. Non-envelope package             | -                                                   | Most accessible natural ventilation and ceiling fan                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Most ambitious natural ventilation and ceiling fan                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 10. Envelope + non-envelope package | -                                                   | Most accessible envelope package and non-envelope package                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Most ambitious envelope package and non-envelope package                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |



# Online dashboards report potential annual **energy savings**, **carbon savings**, and **thermal comfort improvements** in each community

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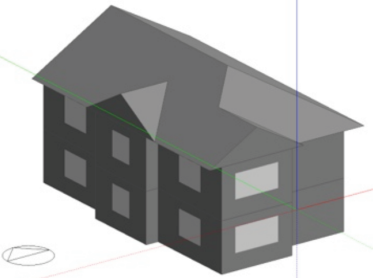
Comfort

Carbon

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**Boston Multi-family House**

- Representative multi-family double decker home from audit
  - Located in Chelsea, MA 02150
  - Built year: 1900
  - Gross floor area: 1,912 ft<sup>2</sup> (178 m<sup>2</sup>)
  - Two floors (each floor has one unit)
  - Each unit has heating with boiler and cooling with split system
- The energy model was generated using DesignBuilder software for EnergyPlus simulation
- 7 strategies and 3 packages (combinations of strategies) were modeled
- Strategy technology levels include:
  - Most ambitious
  - Most accessible
- Simulations using the 2010, 2030, and 2050 fTMY weather data from <https://zenodo.org/records/8335815>



Screen capture from the energy simulation model

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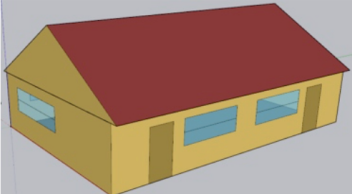
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**Atlanta Multi-family House**

- Representative multi-family house from audit
  - Located in Atlanta, GA 30318
  - Built year: 1950
  - Gross floor area: 914 ft<sup>2</sup> (85 m<sup>2</sup>)
  - 1 floor with 2 units
  - Each unit has heat pump for heating and cooling
- The energy model was generated using DesignBuilder software for EnergyPlus simulation
- 7 strategies and 3 packages (combinations of strategies) were modeled
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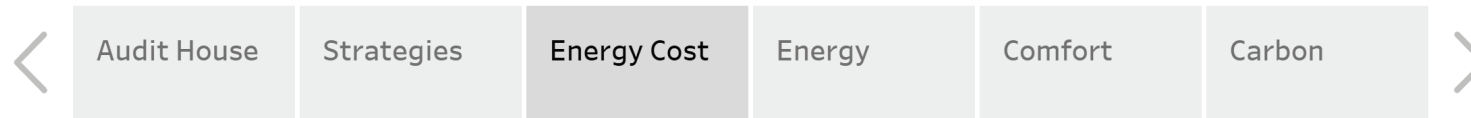
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# Atlanta **energy cost** savings in **2010**, most accessible

## Passive/Low-Energy Cooling Strategies for LMI Homes in Atlanta



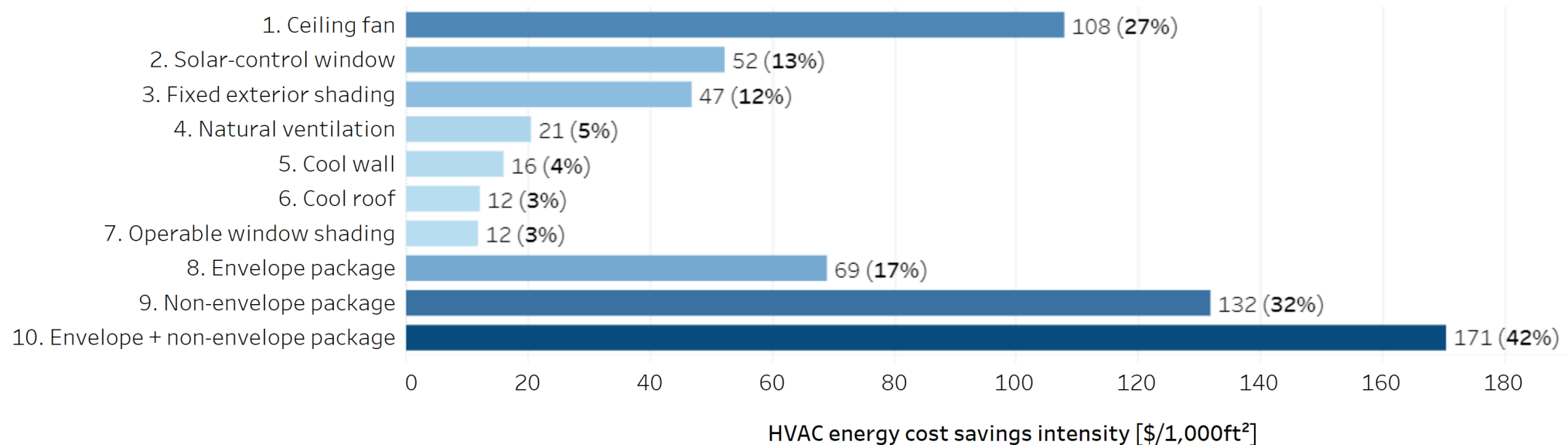
### Weather condition

- ☒ Year 2010
- ☐ Year 2030
- ☐ Year 2050

### Scenario

- ☒ Most accessible
- ☐ Most ambitious

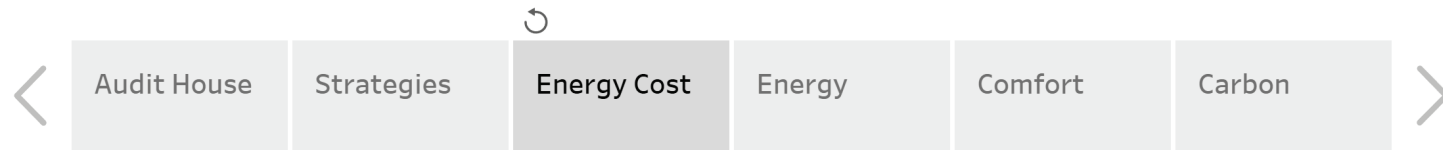
### Annual HVAC energy cost savings





# Atlanta **energy cost** savings in **2010**, most ambitious

## Passive/Low-Energy Cooling Strategies for LMI Homes in Atlanta



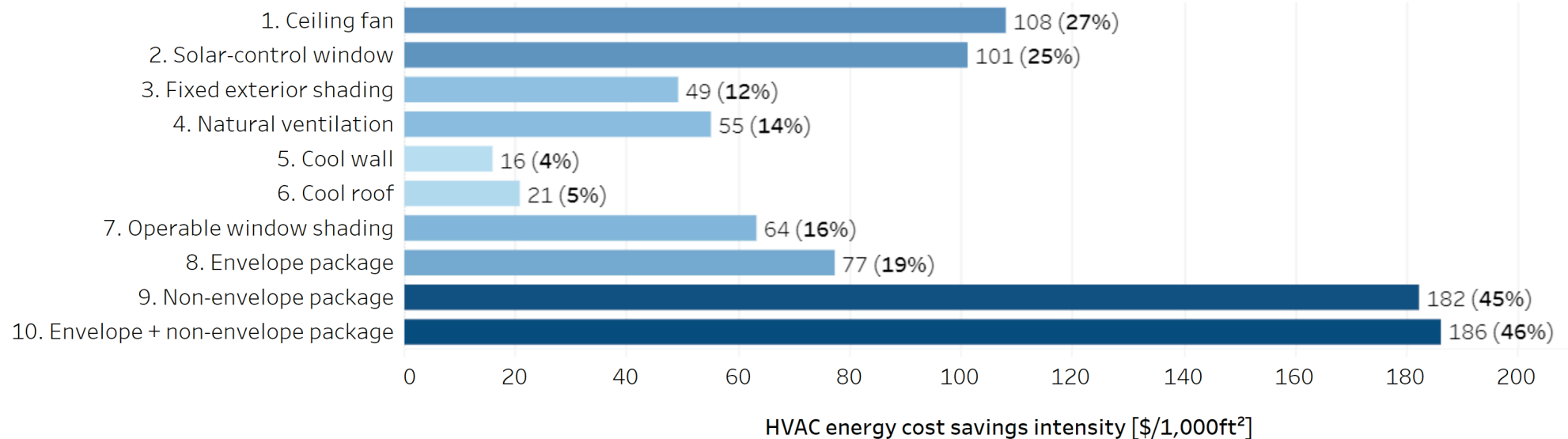
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- ☐ Year 2030
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### Scenario

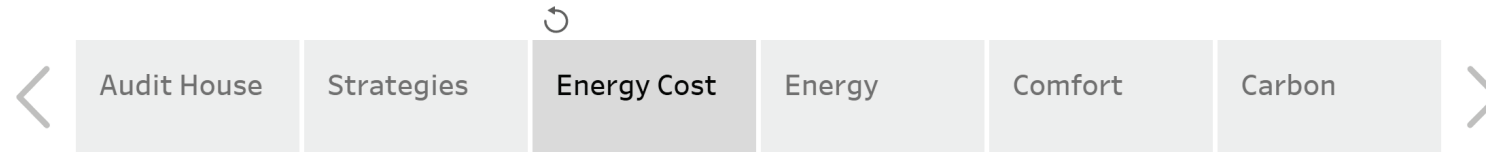
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### Annual HVAC energy cost savings



# Atlanta **energy cost** savings in **2050**, most ambitious

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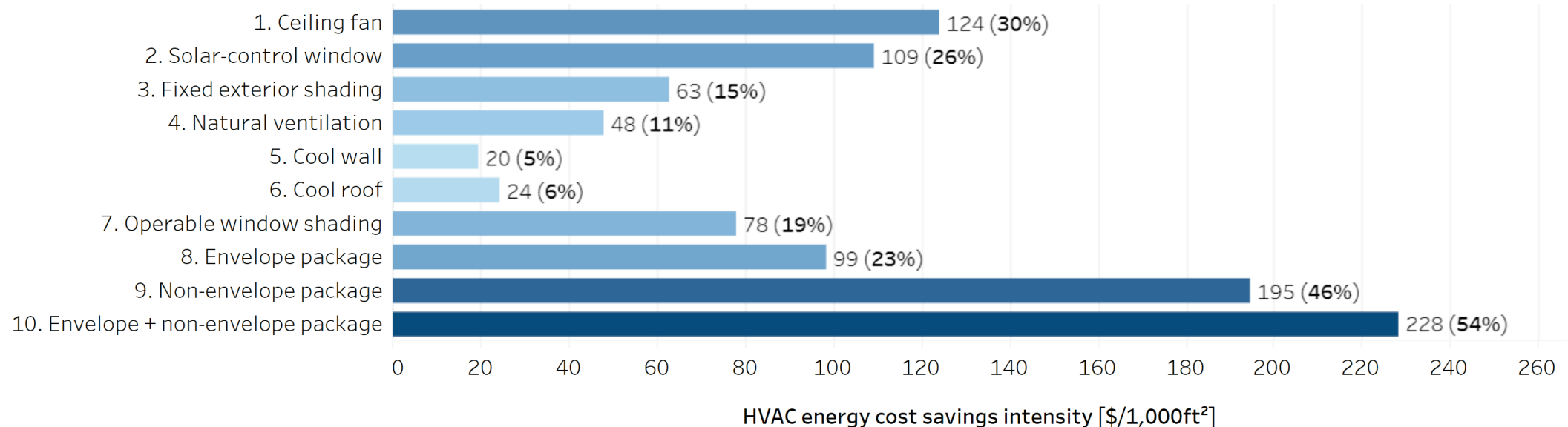
### Weather condition

- ☐ Year 2010
- ☐ Year 2030
- ☒ Year 2050

### Scenario

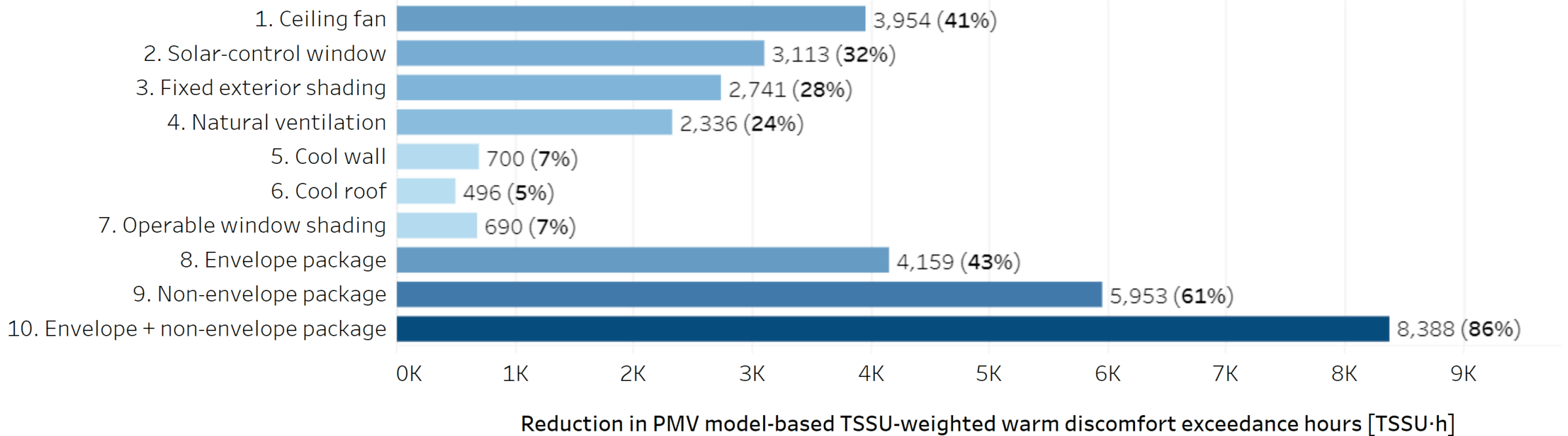
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### Annual HVAC energy cost savings



# Atlanta comfort benefit in **2010**, most accessible

## Annual PMV thermal comfort improvement



# We are working with the Boston and Atlanta CBOs to disseminate guidance to residents and policymakers this spring

## Boston

- [CBO: Mystic River Watershed Association \(MyRWA\)](#)
  - [Mass. Department of Energy Resources Energy Efficiency Division](#)
  - [Mass Save](#)
  - [Mass. Energy Efficiency Advisory Council](#)
  - [Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs](#)
  - [Metropolitan Area Planning Council](#)
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- ❖ LBNL to prepare collateral (informational materials)
  - ❖ MyRWA to share social media messages via its network
  - ❖ EOEAA to host “Lunch & Learn” webinar on Thu 18 Apr



## Atlanta

- [CBO: West Atlanta Watershed Alliance \(WAWA\)](#)
  - [Clean Energy Atlanta](#)
    - [Clean Energy Advisory Board](#)
    - [WeatheRISE ATL](#)
  - [Sustainable Georgia Futures](#)
  - Metro Atlanta Clean Energy Collective
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- ❖ LBNL to prepare collateral
  - ❖ WAWA to share social media messages via its network
  - ❖ WAWA to host town hall meeting on Fri 5 Apr





# **③ Annex 80+: Sustainable Cooling in Cities**



# 5-year IEA-EBC Annex for **Sustainable Cooling in Cities** proposed by Institute of Building Research & Innovation (Vienna) will seek to

- ❖ Identify and optimize heat mitigation/shielding strategies for outdoor spaces within existing structures, such as
  - Water (blue infrastructure)
  - Plants (green infrastructure)
  - Cool surface materials, including sky radiative cooling
  - Public solar shading
- ❖ Investigate the interrelation of buildings and outdoor spaces
- ❖ Identify and optimize supportive active cooling and heat dissipation strategies on the city level



# Berkeley Lab will host the **first planning workshop** for the **proposed Annex** on Apr 11 – 12



- Hybrid 1.5-day workshop to plan objectives, scope, and deliverables
- 65 registrants (37 in-person, 28 remote) from 25 countries
- Remote registration still open (in-person also still open for DOE staff)

**<https://annex80.iea-ebc.org/follow-up-annex>**

**11 – 12 Apr 2024**  
**Development workshop at LBNL**



# **④ United States Cool Surfaces Deployment Project**





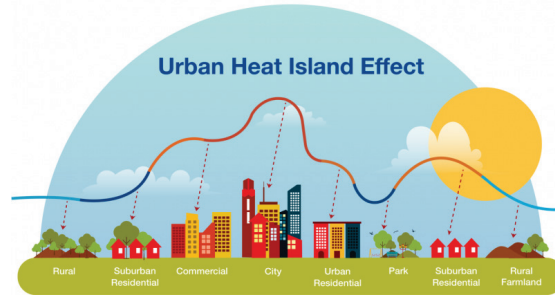
# Cool roofs and walls can provide many well-known benefits to building occupants, communities, power utilities, and the planet



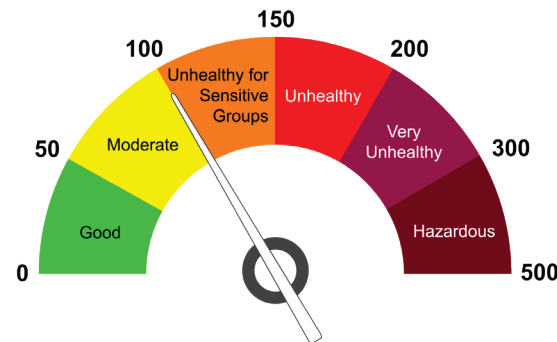
HVAC energy and \$ savings



Comfort, health, and safety in heat waves



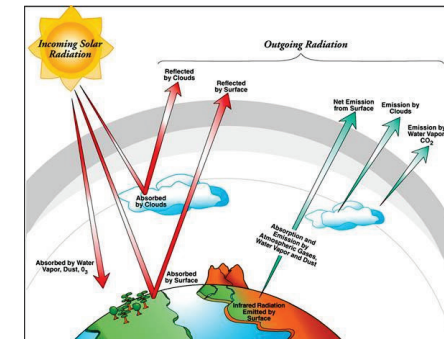
Heat island mitigation



Smog abatement



Peak power demand reduction

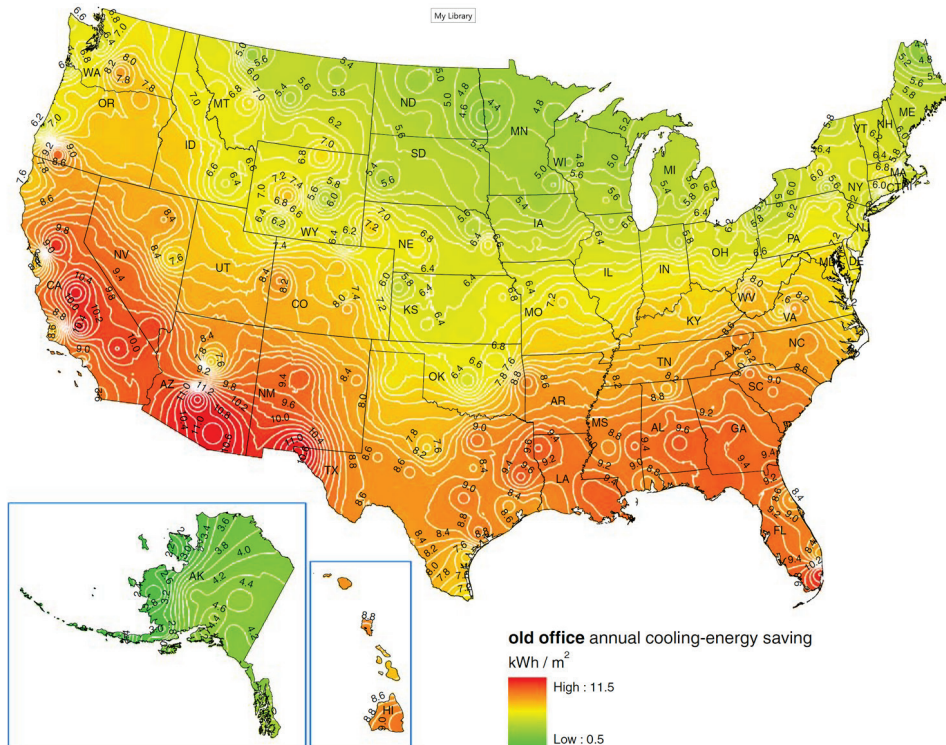


Global cooling

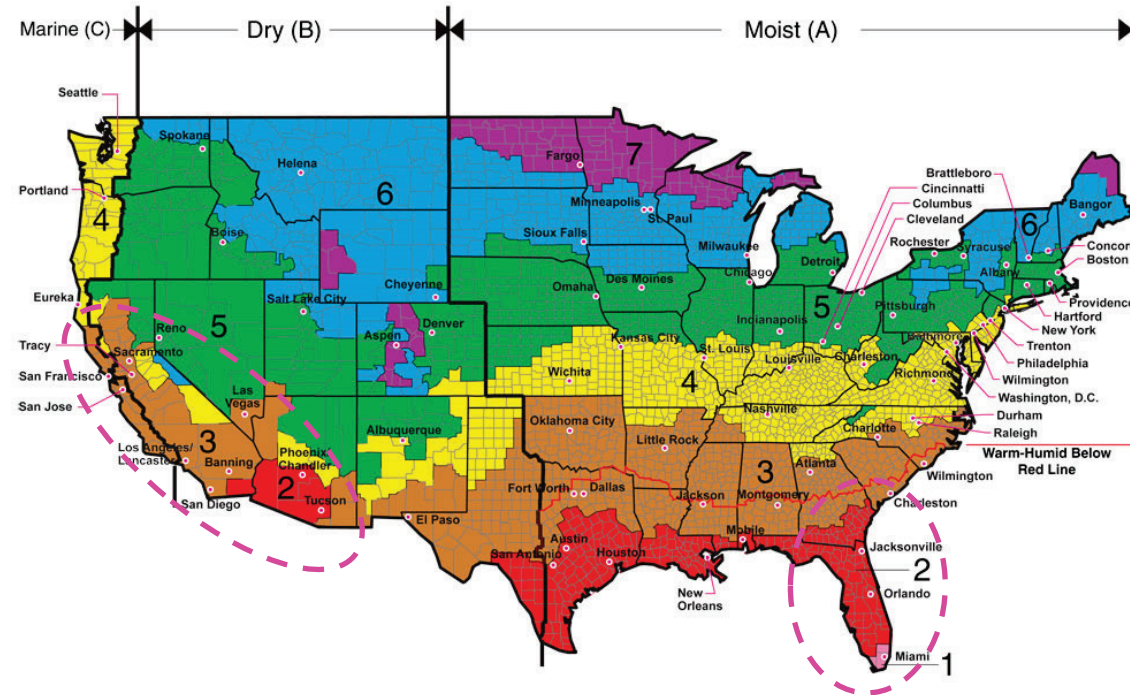


Cool surfaces can help across the **southern half of the U.S.** (ASHRAE climate zones 1 – 4), **and beyond** (climate zone 5)

### (a) Cool-roof cooling energy savings



### (b) ASHRAE climate zones



...but are found mostly in CA, AZ, and FL



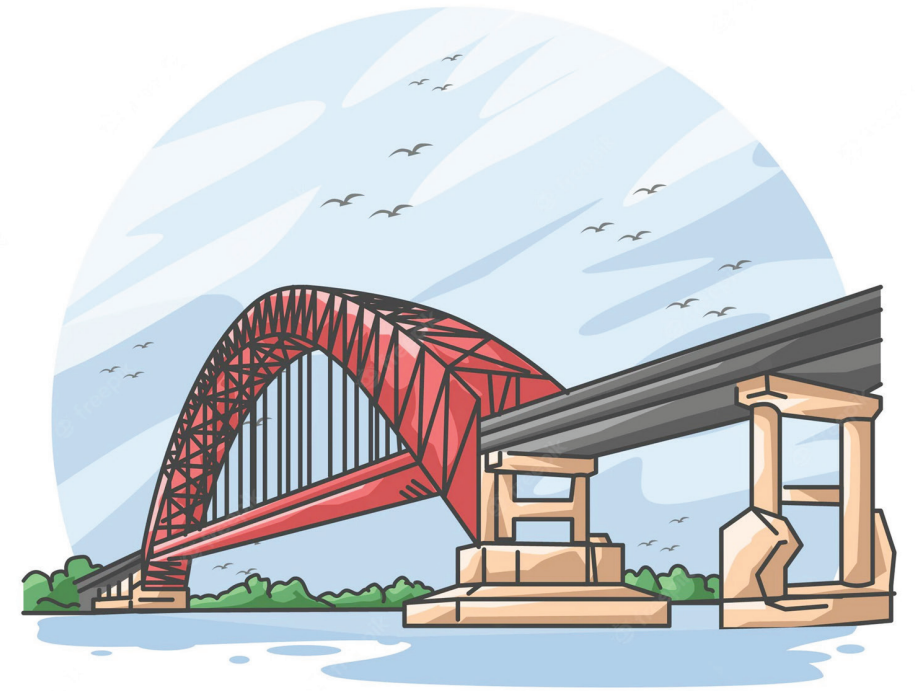
# The **U.S. Cool Surfaces Deployment Project** seeks to make our aging building infrastructure cooler and more heat resilient

## **Challenge:**

The uptake of cool surfaces has been strong in California and Florida but limited nationally.

## **Goal:**

Dramatically increase the climate-appropriate deployment of cool surfaces across the U.S., with an emphasis on their application to disadvantaged communities.





A **broad team of cool-surface experts** is tackling this challenge with support from DOE's Building Technologies Office



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# Meet the Deployment **project staff** (\* = past member)



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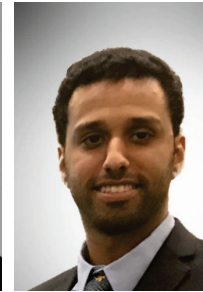
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In **Project Phase 1** (2022 - 2023) we set out to develop a two-year national deployment plan



## Phase 1: Research & planning

- 1 Identify opportunities and barriers
- 2 Adapt successful deployment models
- 3 Engage with stakeholders
- 4 Produce the Phase 2 deployment plan



The top three needs identified in the interviews were  
**① scaling-up pilots, ② codes, and ③ R&D**





We prepared a **national deployment plan** based on findings from a literature review, stakeholder interviews, and a stakeholder workshop



① Issued literature-review and stakeholder-interview reports (Aug 2022)



② Hosted workshop (Sep 2022)



③ Published plan\* (June 2023)

\* Levinson, R., Alhazmi, M., Becce, J., Desjarlais, A., Gilbert, H., Kats, G., Miller, J., Morin, E., Sailor, D., & Schneider, S. (2023). United States Cool Surfaces Deployment Plan. Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. <https://doi.org/10.20357/B7602K>





# The plan shares **19 transformative ideas**

## **Technical support**

- #1: Technical assistance to governments
- #2: Leverage BIL and IRA

## **Education & communication**

- #3: “Keep Your Cool” educational campaign
- #4: Contractor training
- #5: Cool Surfaces Workshop

## **RD&D**

- #6: Cool Roof Prize
- #7: High-profile demonstration programs
- #8: Cost-benefit analytic engine
- #9: Incentive program guidelines
- #10: Tools and calculators

## **Building codes & standards**

- #11: Enhance green-building standards
- #12: EE requirements for envelope retrofits
- #13: Cool-surface boilerplate language
- #14: Cool walls in codes, standards, & programs

## **Incentives**

- #15: Deployment competitions
- #16: Upstream rebates

## **Government actions**

- #17: Government partnerships and training
- #18: Climate action plan specifications & targets
- #19: Stakeholder community input



**20 key stakeholders**, including cities/counties, manufacturers, building professional associations, research institutions, NGOs, utilities, and Google, **support our plan**



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By the end of **Phase 2 (2024 - 2025)**, we seek to

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| B. | Stimulate the development and deployment of economical, high-performance residential cool roofs via the Cool Roof Prize (#6)                                                                               |
| C. | Demonstrate the effectiveness of cool surfaces and accelerate their deployment via high-profile demonstrations (#7) and deployment competitions (#15)                                                      |
| D. | Improve and grow cool-surface provisions in codes, standards, and green building certification programs (#11, #12, #14)                                                                                    |
| E. | Help government agencies and utilities include cool surfaces in public building specifications, building weatherization programs, post-disaster reconstruction, and climate action plans (#1, #2, #9, #17) |



# BTO (RBI) is now funding three ideas: **technical assistance**, **educational campaign**, and **high-profile demonstrations**

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## We are also seeking BTO support to boost cool-surface provisions in **codes, standards,** and **green building certification programs**

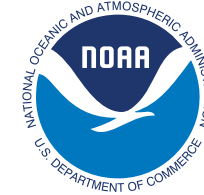
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We are providing **technical assistance** to help government programs deploy cool surfaces (continuous)

## Mission

Provide technical assistance to federal, state, and local officials (e.g., HUD, GSA, and analogous state and city housing programs) to incorporate cool roofs and walls into their program guidance and into specifications for constructing, retrofitting, and maintaining their building stock.



# We will design and launch the “Keep Your Cool” **education campaign** for stakeholders & the general public

## **Mission**

- Share how cool roofs and walls help by keeping unwanted solar heat out of our homes, workplaces, and communities
- Position cool roofs and walls as no-regret choices whose benefits will grow as the climate warms
- Highlight opportunities in disadvantaged communities (e.g., weatherization resources)

## **Media formats**

- Short-form educational video
- Multi-lingual graphics
- Toolkits tailored to various stakeholder groups

## **Distribution channels**

- Social media campaign with partner organizations
- Federal agency website(s)
- Community-based organizations



# The Education Team has 36 members across three working groups: **Collection, Creation, & Distribution**





# We will create high-profile cool-surface **demonstration programs in disadvantaged communities** across diverse climates

## Mission

- Initiate high-profile, scalable demonstration programs that bring cool surfaces to disadvantaged communities
- Provide “local” examples and data about performance in geographically diverse hot-summer regions
- Locate some demonstrations in cold or mixed-humid climates

## Approach

1. Form demonstration team, including government agencies, utilities, industry, and community-based organizations (Feb – Mar)
2. Design scalable programs for implementation in FY25 (Apr - Sep)



# The Demonstration Team has 39 members across three working groups: **Materials, Siting, & Monitoring**



# Please join our Cool Surfaces Deployment team!

- Our Education and Demonstration working groups meet every two weeks
- Let your colleagues know about this collaborative effort to increase cool-surface deployment
- Stakeholder interest form: <https://bit.ly/3HTUA4V>



A screenshot of the Heat Island Group Berkeley Lab website. The header includes the Heat Island Group logo and navigation links: About, Cool Science, Projects, Publications, Resources, and a search bar. The main heading is "United States Cool Surfaces Deployment Project" with the subtitle "Accelerating the deployment of cool surfaces across the United States". Below this is a navigation bar with "OVERVIEW", "HISTORY", "TEAM", and "FAQ". The "Mission" section states: "Solar-reflective building envelope surfaces, such as cool roofs and walls, can be especially helpful in disadvantaged communities that often have poorly insulated older homes, aging or absent air conditioning units, steep utility bills, polluted air, and high vulnerability and exposure to extreme heat. With support from the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Cool Surfaces Deployment Project project seeks to dramatically increase the climate-appropriate deployment of cool surfaces across the United States with an emphasis on their application to disadvantaged communities." The "Project Objectives" section lists three goals: 1. Technical Assistance: "Provide support to federal, state, and local government officials to incorporate cool roofs and walls into their program guidance and into building specifications." 2. Educational Campaign: "Launch the 'Keep Your Cool' educational campaign to inform stakeholders and the general public on how cool surfaces keep unwanted solar heat out of our homes, workplaces, and communities." 3. Demonstration Projects: "Initiate scalable demonstration programs that bring cool surfaces to disadvantaged communities to provide local examples and data on the performance of cool surfaces."

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# Thank you!

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