

# Session 1: Green Buildings

## Relevant Recommendations

- Once green building guidelines are established by the State, the State will seek appropriate statutory authorization to incorporate such guidelines during its periodic building codes and standards revision process, thus requiring adherence to the State's green building guidelines for all new construction.
- Use tax policies and other financial incentives to encourage green building.
- Explore providing New Jersey municipalities with greater flexibility to establish local "green" standards by working with the Legislature and municipalities to develop new statutory authority.

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- **Focus Questions:**

- What are the current incentives/disincentives to green buildings today, both in New Jersey and elsewhere?
- What specific incentives are lacking in NJ to promote green building design?
- What is the right balance of mandatory requirements and incentives (financial and otherwise) to generate green building in New Jersey?
- Is making green buildings a mandatory standard cost prohibitive for affordable housing in New Jersey?