



WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLOMBIA

 Policy Pathway

Further information

[District's Clean Energy DC Plan](#)



693,972 inhabitants

Humid subtropical climate

Existing / Planned Regulations & Roadmaps

- District's Clean Energy DC Plan lays out a roadmap for adopting net-zero energy codes for residential buildings by 2022, and commercial buildings by 2026
- 2018 DC Building Code (pending) will result in 15% energy savings over existing code, and provide language and consistent modelling requirements for those seeking net zero energy voluntarily
- The proposed Clean Energy DC Omnibus Act would take effect in 2020 for private buildings over 50,000 square feet and DC-owned buildings over 10,000 square feet, requiring a median ENERGY STAR score for their building type; expanding to include all buildings over 10,000 square feet by 2026
- Once fully implemented, the policy is estimated to reduce building energy consumption by approximately 20% and citywide GHG emissions by 12%
- Providing robust technical assistance for building owners and operators
- Deadline 2020 Plan by December 2020 which will include a pathway to zero carbon buildings that builds on the Clean Energy DC actions through 2032
- \$20 million per year on energy efficiency incentive programs delivered through the DC Sustainable Energy Utility and similar amount to support the deployment of solar energy that benefits low income residents through the Solar for All program. District will launch the DC Green Bank which will supplement these existing programs and provide low-cost financing for deep energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

