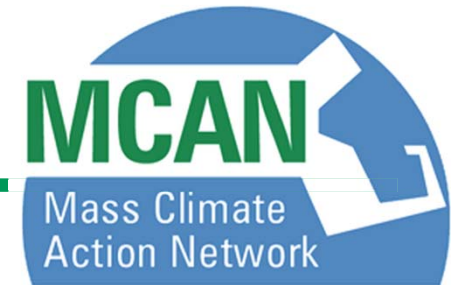




Affordable Housing as a Climate Solution

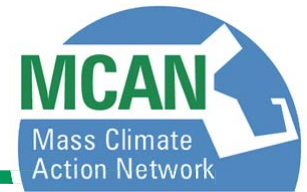
Affordable housing is an integral part of the climate solution.

What is MCAN?



- Founded in 2000
- We provide a network and expertise to help town level groups take action on climate locally
- A network of organizations (our 50+ chapters) and advocates at the town and city level
- Work to make community level change and turn that into state and national level change.

Climate change is happening



Tornados in Springfield, MA



FLOODING CLEANUP & REPAIRS IN LYNN

6:06 68°

NORTH SHORE

10

BOSTON

RE HURT AFTER A PIER COLLAPSES DURING A MUSIC FESTIVAL IN SPAIN AT LEA

TOMORROW

It's all about the local action!



Local has always led on climate change

We have the tools

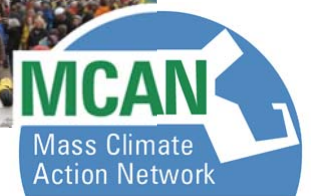


Why More Efficient & Affordable Buildings?



Buildings contribute to climate change

In MA, buildings are responsible for **over half** of all energy consumption and are responsible for **over 40%** of carbon pollution.

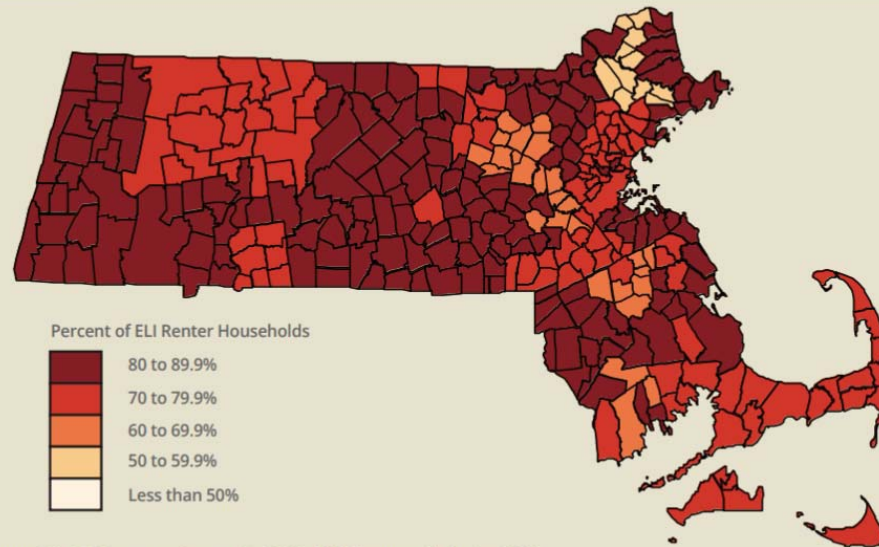


We are facing a housing crisis



Figure 2

Many Areas Outside of Boston Have High Rates of Rent Burden Despite Lower Rents
Percent of ELI Renter Households That Are Rent Burdened by Massachusetts Cities and Towns, 2016

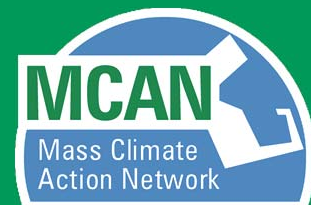


Source(s): ACS 5-year estimates for 2016; HUD Income Limits for 2016

Note(s): Of the 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts in 2016, 289 were uniquely identified and 28 additional combined city and town areas were identified based on shared census tract areas. See "HUD Income Category Definitions," page 7, for the definition of an ELI household. Estimates represent five-year averages for the period ending in 2016.

Photo courtesy of Boston Federal Reserve

Why Net Zero buildings are the solution



NZ buildings are better...

- **For our wallets**
- **For our health**
- **For our communities!**



A carbon-free lifestyle shouldn't only be accessible to the wealthy



Benefits of affordable housing



- Infill protects green space and encourages walking
- Transit-oriented development reduces emissions
- Multi-family housing uses less energy

**Inclusive communities
are resilient communities.**



How You Can Get Involved



Local action: Meet your local community development corporation / affordable housing partners

Success story: Green Newton & Liveable Newton alliance

State action: Endorse the HERO Campaign (for Affordable Housing + Climate Investments): mahousingclimate.org

Support MCAN's Net Zero stretch code campaign!

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