



Responsible Stewardship Policy Initiatives for Building Materials

Enacting these policies will aid communities in their efforts to lower Greenhouse Gas emissions by reducing the amount of building materials that end up in landfills through reuse programs and recycling efforts.

Stage One: Assessing

1. Communities can require the C&D materials are tracked by recycling, reuse, and landfill from demolition projects.
2. Communities should ask when issuing demolition or renovation contracts for public facilities what percentage (by weight) of materials are recycled and reused.
3. Communities should set goals for how much C&D materials are recycled and reused on both public and private projects.

Stage Two: Encouraging

1. Communities can adjust permit fees to incentivize Deconstruction vs Demolition.
2. Communities can offer grants/subsidies to eligible homeowners (those who meet an economic threshold) who want to deconstruct their homes paid for by funds from increased permit fees to those who chose demolition instead of deconstruction
3. Communities can require that city issued contracts for demolition have recycling and reuse requirements.
4. Communities can require that the hazardous waste disposal plan required for all projects be expanded to include C&D waste as a hazardous waste

Stage Three: Supporting

1. Communities can require ALL homes built before 1950 be deconstructed by a certified deconstruction contractor.
2. Require all projects for renovations and demolition meet goals of 70% recycling and 5% reuse

BONUS: Pilot Projects

1. Identify projects slated for demolition and use a certified Deconstruction Contractor to remove and document the costs and paths of the materials harvested.