



## Pathways to a renewable thermal transformation

States and cities are exploring (non-mutually-exclusive) long-term strategies for decarbonizing the thermal sector



#### » Strategic electrification of heating and cooling

- > Electrify the heating sector by scaling up heat pumps and solar heating/cooling
- > Explore potential to modify retail rates for electric heating
- > Increase load/sales for utilities and/or enable fuel switching
- > Synergize with the transportation sector



#### » District heating and cooling networks

- > Invest in CHP and especially bioenergy-based CHP systems
- > Build out low temperature heating networks with GSHPs or solar thermal and potentially integrate with electric networks to optimize production
- Assess business and financing models as well as regulatory requirements for widespread deployment of district heating and cooling networks



#### Centralized/decentralized bioenergy-based heating networks

- > Focus on biofuel, biogas, or biomass heating systems, especially in rural or agricultural areas.
- > Large-scale biogas may be injected directly into natural gas pipelines
- Biofuels integrated into traditional heating oil blends
- > Biomass pellet and chip heating systems can be deployed to displace heating oil or propane



# Evolution of heat pump policies and programs

Heat pumps are emerging from efficiency programs to become core components of state emission reduction goals

#### **Utility Efficiency Programs**

- Rebates and financing
- Emphasis on cooling efficiency/load reduction

# **Expanding Policy and Program Support**

- Expanded incentives (emphasizing heating benefits)
- RPS integration
- Soft cost reduction and supply chain development
- Community purchasing campaigns
- Exploration of innovative financing models

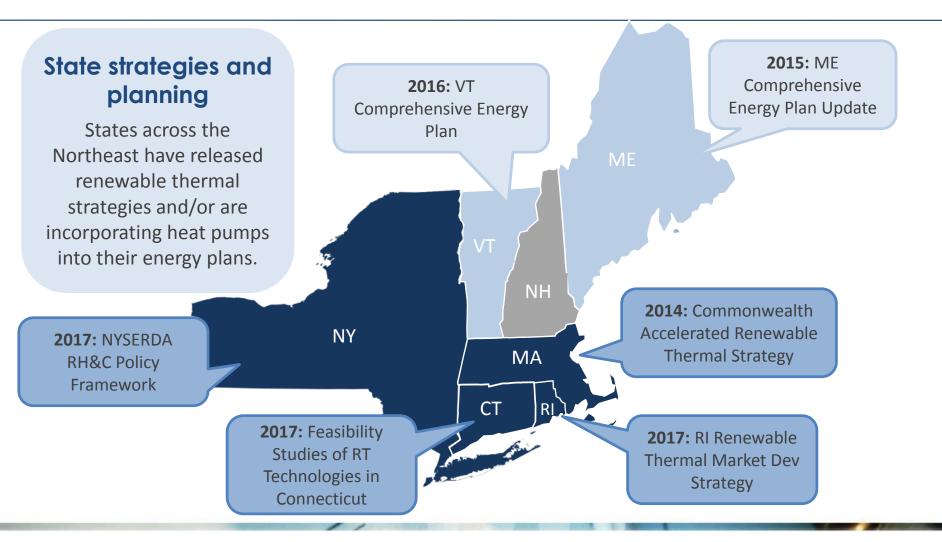
Adapting best practices and successful policies/programs from the renewable electricity sector

(But of course, it's not always that simple...)



## Growing strategic interest across region

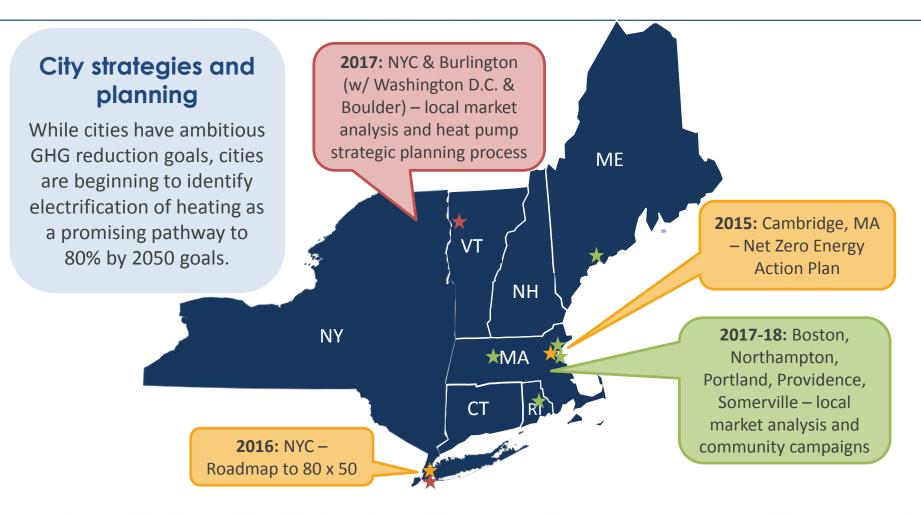
Cities and states (and utilities) are seeing a crucial role for heat pumps in meeting deep decarbonization goals





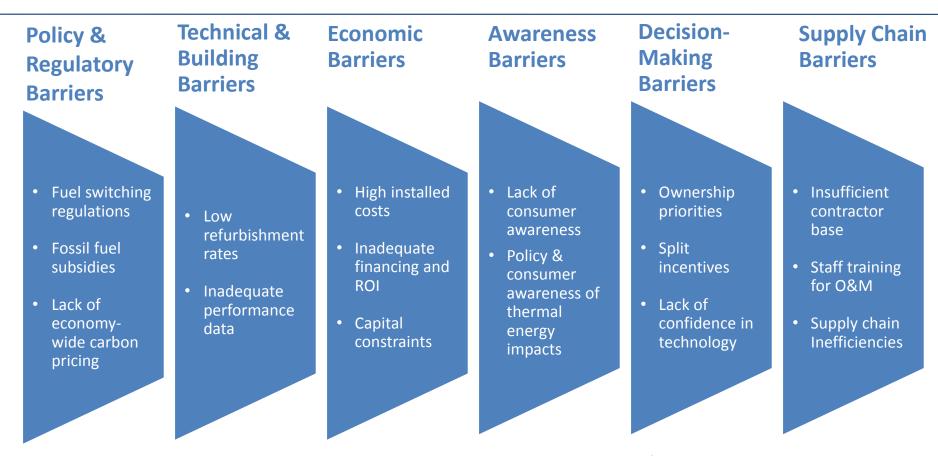
## Growing strategic interest across region

Cities seek to develop policies and programs that complement state programs





#### What are the barriers to RH&C in the Northeast?



For a more detailed look at market barriers, consult the 2016 update of the NEEP ASHP Market Strategies report or any of the state renewable heating & cooling policy reports (MA, RI, NY, CT)



# Policy and program approaches across stakeholder groups

States seek to drive market development and cities are exploring local actions that complement state/utility actions

#### **State Policies & Programs**

Mandates & Regulations



- Utility mandates
- Building codes

Incentives & Financing



- Expanded rebates
- Low-cost financing and innovative business models

Workforce Development



Contractor engagement and supply chain development

Marketing & Outreach



 Raise awareness among vendors, installers, and consumers

QA/QC



- Establish standards and best practices
- Verify system performance

**Cost Reductions** 



 Reduce hard and soft costs of heat pumps

#### City Policies & Programs

Mandates & Regulations



 Permitting, building codes, other local regulations

Incentives & Financing



Providing access to LMI populations

Workforce Development



 Local economic development programs

Local market analyses

Marketing & Outreach



 Outreach and purchasing campaigns

QA/QC



- Qualification of contractors for city programs
- City inspection



# Case Study #1:

#### NYSERDA RH&C Policy Framework & Cost Reductions Study (NY)



Released Feb. 2017

https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/-/media/Files/Publications/PPSER/ NYSERDA/RHC-Framework.pdf » Comprehensive market segmentation study to evaluate RH&C potential across 2000+ market segments

Scenario		% of cost-effective thermal load that could be met by ASHP & GSHP
2017		4%
2021	no cost reductions	8%
	w/ cost reduction interventions	12%
	w/ cost reduction interventions + carbon/grid value incentives	26%

- » Focus on policies and programs that can encourage cost reductions to unlock technical potential
  - > Developed through engagement of industry stakeholders



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#### » Cost reduction opportunities

- Implement community procurement programs
- > Integrate RH&C into existing trade channels
- Develop customer targeting and engagement tool
- Provide technical/engineering assistance and project development support
- > Pilot third-party ownership and other innovative business models
- Expand access to cheaper financing options
- Facilitate standardized equipment and design approaches
- > Develop unified, streamlined permitting process for RH&C







### Case Study #2:

#### National Grid Delivered Fuels to Energy Project (NY)



Spring 2017

- » National Grid exploring opportunities to deploy ASHP in Niagara-Mohawk electric territory
  - > Targeting electric customers in upstate NY
  - > Exploring under the REV initiative
- » Conducted utility BCA for converting delivered fuel customers to ASHP
- » Exploring outreach and education programs to drive deployment





(ongoing)

- » In 2016, RI OER worked with OHI to convene delivered fuel dealers to develop an action plan to support fuel dealers in participating in RT and energy efficiency markets
  - Engaged 26 RI delivered fuel companies + broader stakeholders
  - Identified actions that could facilitate fuel dealer expansion into heat pump and efficiency markets
- » OER and OHI, with support from Real Jobs Rhode Island, are broadening engagement to identify training needs to enable fuel dealers to become whole-home energy providers

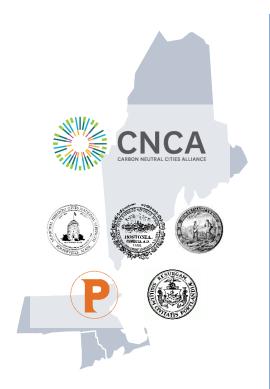






# Case Study #4:

#### **CNCA New England Cities project**



(ongoing: Sep 2016-Mar 2018)

- » Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance-supported project with Boston, Northampton, Portland, Providence, and Somerville
- » Part 1: Local market analyses
  - Completed market segmentation analysis of
    1-4 family residential buildings in all 5 cities
  - Conducted customer insights analysis of high-potential customers in each city

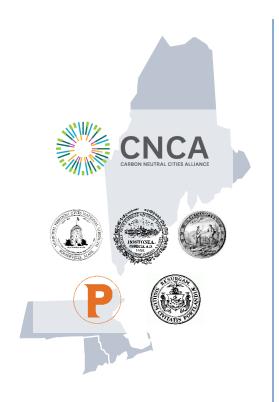




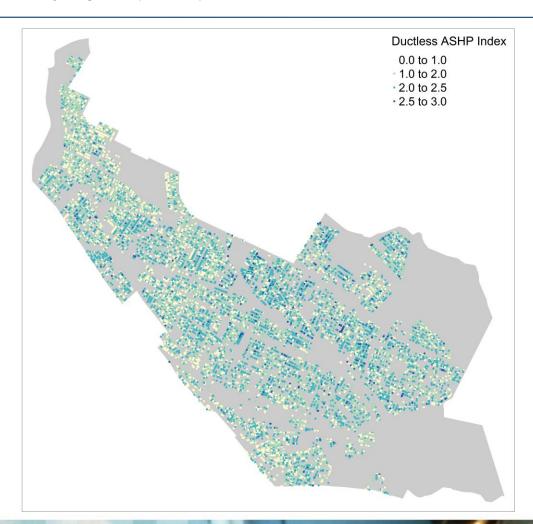


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# CNCA New England Cities project (cont.)



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- » Part 2: Community group purchasing and outreach campaigns
- » Each city approaching local market in different ways
  - Casco Bay Heat Pump Challenge
  - > HeatSmart/CoolSmart Somerville
  - > HeatSmart Northampton
  - > Renew Boston Heat Pump Program (TBD)
  - > Providence Energy Fair



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## Thank you!

## Any questions?



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