



## **Enterprise Green Communities Certification Plus Zero Emissions**

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This summer Enterprise Green Communities updated several advanced performance criteria to recognize deep energy retrofit projects, mapped out key pathways for affordable housing developments to achieve Certification Plus, and demonstrated how developers can certify to Green Communities and align with the [National Definition of a Zero Emissions Building, Part I: Operating Emissions](#).

To better recognize the developments designed and built to the highest level of certification, Certification Plus, while also eliminating combustion on site, we are establishing a new level of Certification, *Green Communities Certification Plus Zero Emissions*.

Projects that earn Certification Plus through any pathway of criteria 5.2b and 5.4 and demonstrate compliance with criterion 5.5b will achieve Certification Plus Zero Emissions.

Developments recognized as achieving Green Communities Certification Plus Zero Emissions satisfy the National Definition of a Zero Emissions Building, Part I.