

New York State cannot achieve our ambitious climate goals **without prioritizing our built environment** and encouraging the **rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of buildings**, as well as the **deconstruction and salvage** of building materials for reuse through policy, regulations, incentives and research.

CROWD (Circularity, Reuse, and Zero Waste Development) believes the Draft Scoping Plan can go further in suggesting policies, support and actions that can be taken to **rehabilitate and adaptively reuse buildings, divert building and infrastructure materials from reaching the landfill** by encouraging their reuse and recycling, create green jobs and ensure equitable outcomes for disadvantaged communities.

Comments:

1) **Set a target of 2026 to divert 50% of building waste from landfills, increasing to 80% by 2030.**

- **Require a per ton surcharge on all waste** to fund reduction, reuse and recycling programs, while also expanding policies and programs to encourage individual and large-scale reuse of building materials.
- **Expand local financial assistance for reuse of building materials** and encourage plans that support market development for these materials, including incentives and funding for pilot programs.
- **Develop public informational resources** working in collaboration with relevant stakeholders (state agencies, local governments, contractors, property owners).
- Support local governments to **adopt requirements that all sites slated for full removal must be deconstructed rather than demolished by 2026.**

2) **Prioritize reuse and recycling of building and infrastructure materials.**

- **Adopt codes for new construction that enable the incorporation of reused materials.**
- **Support workforce training of green jobs**, with deconstruction as an important component.
- Develop and enact **state procurement standards for reused building material.**
- Enact a **production tax credit to encourage companies turning recyclable materials into intermediate products** to locate facilities in New York.
- Provide financial support to municipalities/counties for **the development of local reuse**

centers and material exchanges.

3) Develop plans to divert concrete and asphalt, CCD's two largest components, from waste streams.

- Require local governments, in conjunction with the Department of Transportation (DOT), to **use a paving base of 100 percent recycled asphalt and concrete, and to encourage on-site street recycling that includes recycled aggregate.**
- Establish an environmentally sound plan for **waste resulting from the demolition of New York's interstate highways.**
- Support research, facilities, and programs that focus on the **reuse and recycling of concrete, asphalt shingles, gypsum (drywall) and masonry.**