

Discussion Activity: Intro to the Embodied Carbon Policy Landscape

1. Introductions (5-10 Minutes)

- Introduce your name, title, and what you hope to get from the workshop/discussion
- *Note: If group is larger than 10 people, we recommend breaking into 3-5 person groups to facilitate better discussion*

2. Discussion: Embodied Carbon Strategies (10-15 minutes)

- What strategies do you think have the greatest potential to reduce embodied carbon in your region?
- Is there a particular policy measure that is better suited to encouraging increased use of this strategy? Any that may not be as helpful? (See *figure 1* for ideas.)
- What barriers exist to those strategies being used on more projects?
- Do you have any ideas about how policy might help remove some of those barriers?

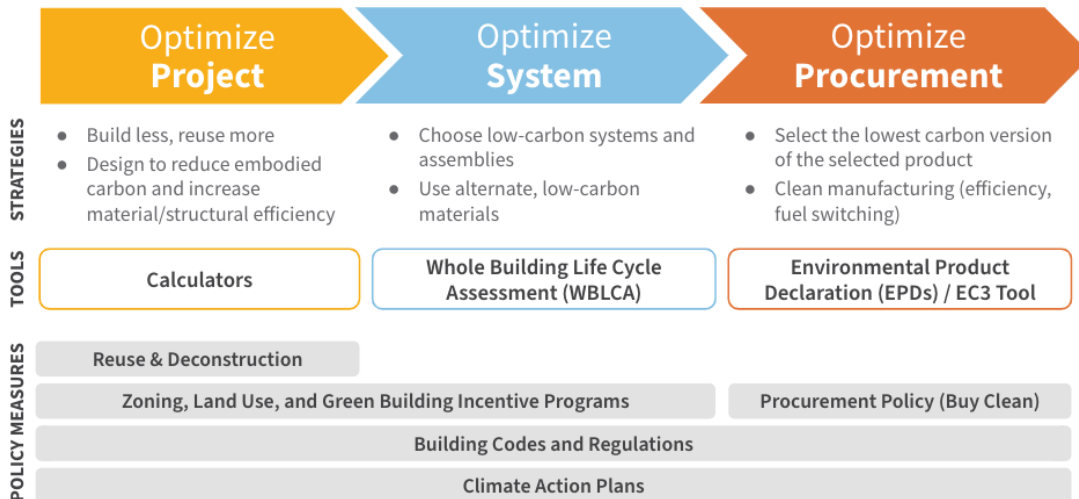


Figure 1. Matching Policy Opportunities and Embodied Carbon Reduction Strategies

3. Discussion: Regional Policy Opportunities (15-20 minutes)

- Visit the [CLF Current Embodied Carbon Policy Map](#). Are there policies listed in your region?
Note: If you know of an effort that specifically includes embodied carbon that's not listed in the map, make sure to share with clfinfo@uw.edu!
- Are there other efforts your group is aware of where embodied carbon isn't currently included, but could be? (For example, upcoming code or zoning revisions, etc.)
- Which of the policy measures introduced in the presentation (see *bottom of Figure 1*) feel most actionable or feasible for your region? Why?
- *If time:*
 - How would you define the success or impact of a policy, if it were passed? For example, after 10 years, what change or result would you want to see aside from embodied carbon reductions?
 - Which of the measures (from the list above) seems like it has the most opportunity to have a successful outcome or impact? Why?

4. Discussion: Opportunities for Engagement (10-15 minutes)

- Do you know of any local or state agencies in your region already working on embodied carbon policy?
Optional: As a group, look up the sustainability or green building department, building standards/permitting department, procurement department, department of transportation, or waste management departments for your city or state and see whether they mention initiatives related to embodied carbon.
- Do you know of any organizations active in your region that are working on policy? For example, are regional sustainability/green building organizations working on policy that may be interested in embodied carbon?
- Brainstorm ways that your group may be able to interact with the organizations you identified in the future. Reference figure 2 for ideas about ways to engage in policy as a member of a CLF Hub.

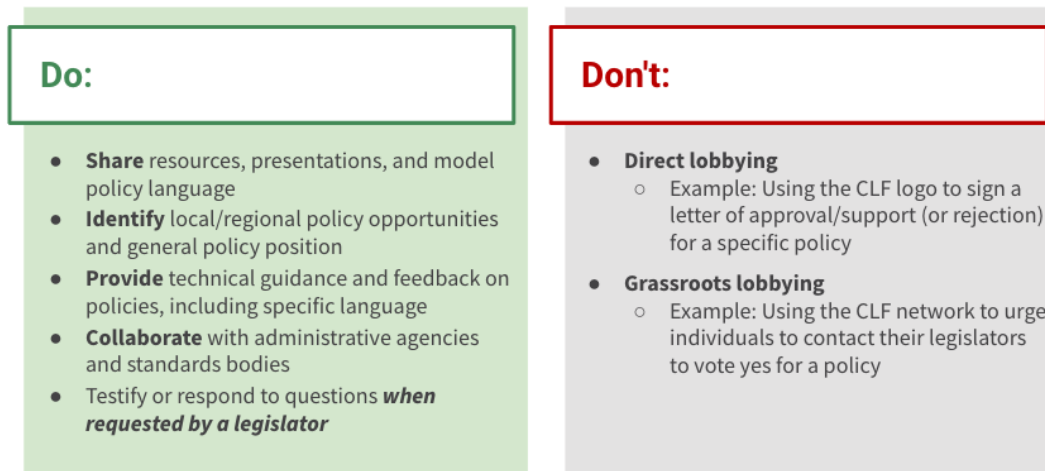


Figure 2. Guidance for CLF Hubs on policy engagement activities