

Co-Creating Boston's Future-Decker



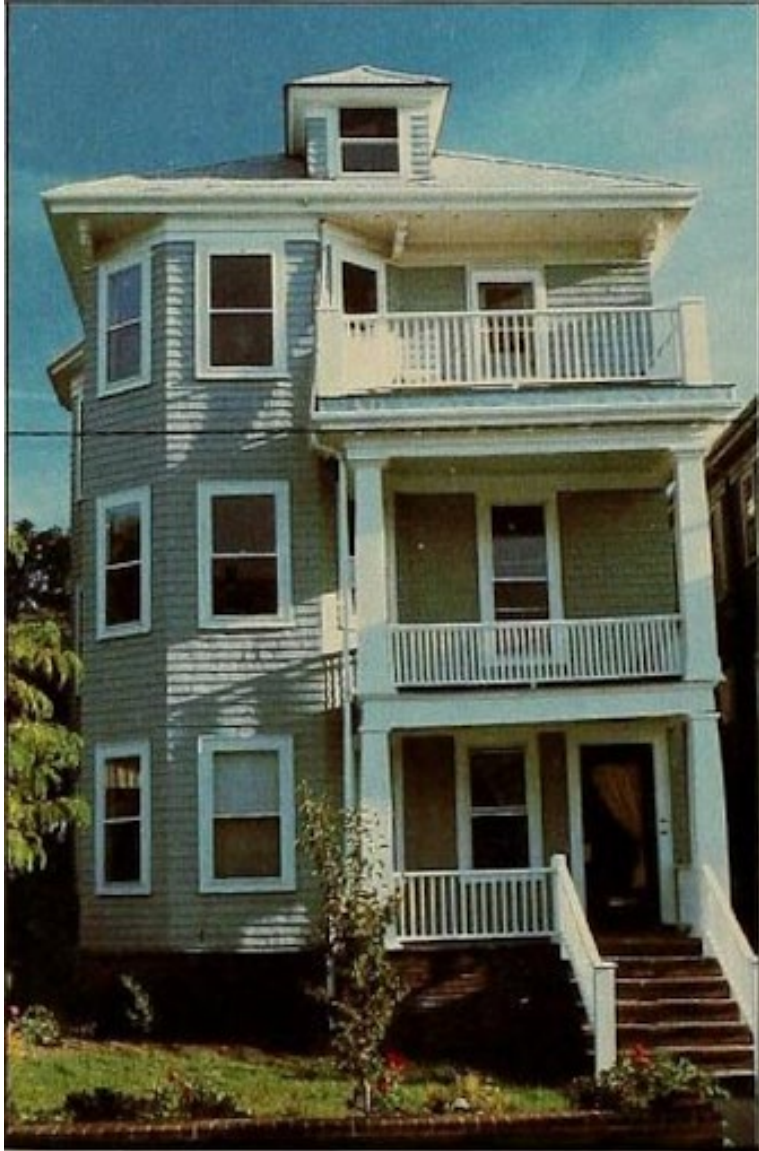
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BRA Boston's Triple Deckers, 1978





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East Boston examples pictured in the 1970s.
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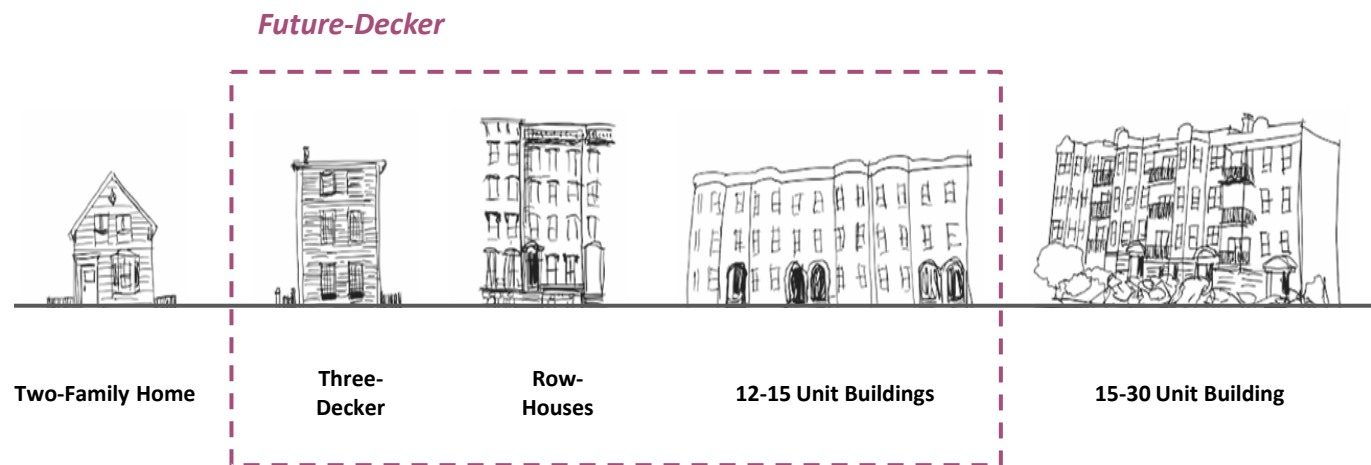
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Care and Custody
User Agency
Current Use
Project Status
Parcel
Gross Area

Boston City Wide Land Audit, 2022

What's Boston's next iteration of the triple-decker, an affordable, replicable, and adaptable housing typology that fits contextually with a range of site, zoning, and neighborhood conditions?

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Co-Creating Boston’s Future-Decker was a **two-phased** initiative where teams were invited to propose new multifamily housing (6-15 units) that can efficiently be built on small, infill sites.



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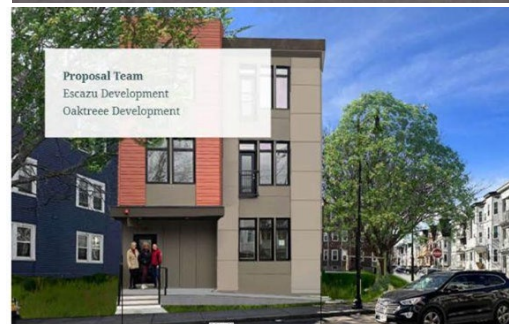
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And Flexibility**

Living Together

**Sustainability and
Building Performance**

**Materials And
Construction**

Affordability



The Role of the Designer





How-To Guide:
Architects in City Policy



This guide empowers architects to understand and navigate the **MBTA Communities Act**, a significant policy shaping Massachusetts' housing landscape. In this How-To Guide you will be given a roadmap to navigate the MBTA Communities Act as an architect, a resident, and an advocate.

In this guide you'll learn:

- What the MBTA Communities Act entails
- The Act's significance and potential impacts
- Common concerns about the Act and its implementation
- Architects' unique advocacy roles
- Practical approaches for engaging in local policy processes

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