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April 15, 2026

Cutting Carbon in Co-ops & Condos: New Strategic Planning Tools for LL97 & Beyond

This April, BE-Ex hosted another event in our Climate Mobilization Act series, partnering with Council Member Lincoln Restler, MOCEJ, NYC DOB, NYSEERDA, Con Edison, the NYC Accelerator, NYCECC, and CNYC to launch a new suite of interactive resources that help co-op and condo board members and their property managers with Strategic Decarbonization Planning (SDP). The event opened with remarks from partner organizations, followed by a presentation from the project team at 1010 Sherman Avenue on their SDP implementation success story, and closed with a panel discussion.

BE-Ex sprang into summer this quarter with a sold-out Window Heat Pump Expo, another successful Daylight Hour campaign and a vibrant summer solstice celebration.



**June 17, 2026****Window Heat Pump Expo**

In June, more than 200 attendees joined us at the Exchange for our Window Heat Pump Expo, sponsored by NYSERDA and held in partnership with Steven Winter Associates, the Council of New York Cooperatives & Condominiums, and the Real Estate Board of New York.

Multifamily building owners, co-op and condo owners, and real estate partners examined packaged window heat pump units and spoke directly with four manufacturers about availability, incentives, and cold-weather performance, then stayed for a panel discussion and networking reception.

► <https://be-exchange.org/heat-pump-expo-2026/>

June 24, 2026**WISE x DLH:
Summer Solstice Celebration**

On one of the longest days of the year, our Women in Sustainability & Energy (WISE) series brought together sustainability professionals and energy efficiency enthusiasts to celebrate the successful completion of this year's Daylight Hour Campaign with a Summer Solstice Trivia Night.

The evening featured remarks from this year's sponsor, Pearl Street Systems, a specialty sunshine spritz, and lighting-themed trivia with a special prize. Afterward, guests stayed to enjoy the late sunset and network into the evening.

► <https://be-exchange.org/wise-dlh-celebration/>

column**Daylight Hour 2026:
In Review**

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This June, Building Energy Exchange (BE-Ex) brought back its annual Daylight Hour campaign, a global social media initiative that promotes energy efficiency and celebrates the often underappreciated value of natural light. On June 24th, participants were invited to turn off all non-essential lights for one hour in the afternoon and share their experience online.

This year's campaign was a resounding success, reaching 408 offices across 12 countries and engaging more than 29,000 people. Together, they turned off the lights in 9.8 million square feet of office space and saved 17,780 kWh in a single hour, a good reminder of what collective action can achieve.

Those offices represented a wide range of sectors, including architecture and real estate, educational institutions and resource hubs, consulting and construction, city and state government, and healthcare and social services. You can view the complete participant list [here](#).

Daylight Hour 2026 was generously powered by Pearl Street LED Lighting Systems, a leader in delivering and financing large-scale LED lighting control products that improve building health and lighting efficiency. We also received additional support from Lutron, a design- and technology-driven company creating innovative lighting products and last year's Daylight Hour sponsor.

► <https://be-exchange.org/insight/daylight-hour-2026-in-review/>

To mark the occasion, we released a Daylight Hour-themed episode of Radio BE-Ex featuring Brian Healey, Vice President of Sales & Marketing at Pearl Street LED Lighting Systems. In “Optimizing Lighting for Better Buildings with Brian Healey,” Brian explores daylight harvesting, LEDs, and how the lighting industry has evolved over the past decade.

To commemorate the campaign, offices also shared photos and videos of their participation online and competed for the Daylight Hour Awards. This year’s winners are:

Bright Power for Best View
Lichtvision Design for Best Co-worker
CUNY Building Performance Lab for Early Bird
RAND Engineering & Architecture for Most Photogenic
Sage and Coombe for Most Lit
Kumon for Regional Actor

HLB Lighting Design for Best Reel
Thornton Tomasetti for Most Spirit
New York City Public Schools for Honorable Mention

To all who joined us this year, new and returning alike, thank you for helping make the campaign such a success!

Daylight Hour may be over for this year, but energy efficiency is a long-term commitment that requires sustained effort to decarbonize and reduce energy consumption. To explore efficient lighting and controls, check out our sponsors, Pearl Street LED Lighting Systems and Lutron.

See you next year!



The BE-Ex team celebrating our 12th annual Daylight Hour!

Our 2026 Daylight Hour campaign reached 408 offices across 12 countries, engaging 29,934 participants and cutting 17,780 kWh of energy use in just one hour!

● programs

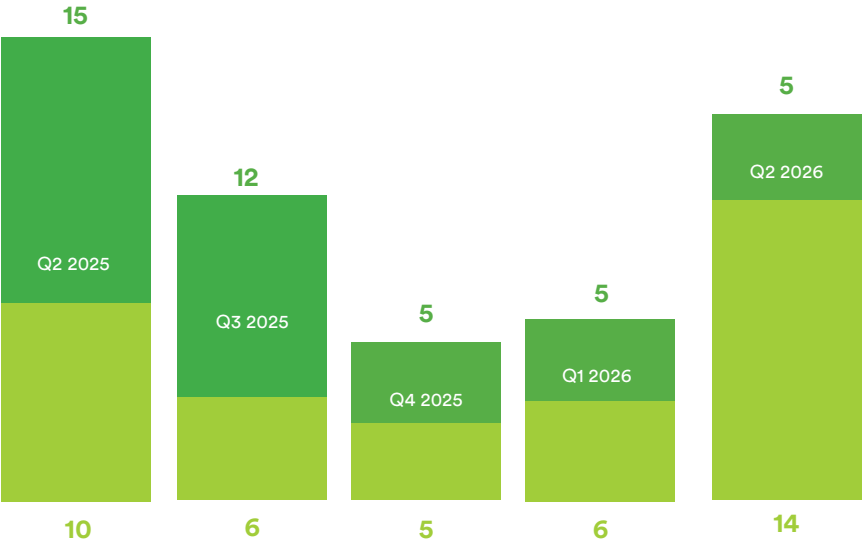
Building on the momentum of Q1, Q2 boasted a myriad of events for the Exchange, from heat pump expos to networking evenings, with one event reaching over 200 attendees. Continued engagement from attendees and partners propels the work forward and into Q3.

● audience

BE-Ex continues to display steady growth in our social media following, gaining positive exposure from both internal programming and our 2026 Daylight Hour campaign. We aim to continue this growth in Q3, focusing on maintaining our commitment to creating accessible, informative resources for all audiences.

BE-Ex Events

■ BE-Ex Developed ■ BE-Ex Hosted



BE-Ex developed events

diversity goals

1. No all male panels

All male panels in Q2: 0

2. 50% female speakers across all BE-Ex events

Percentage of female speakers at Q2 events: 48%



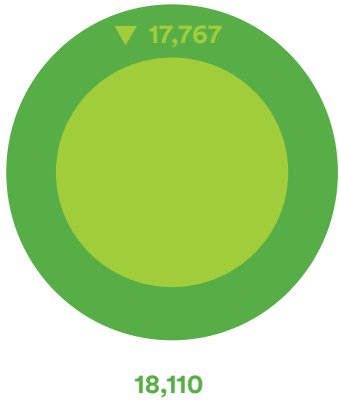
Q2 highest attendance for a single event (Heat Pump Expo)



Q2 average attendance, BE-Ex events

■ Q1 2026 ■ Q2 2026

newsletter subscribers

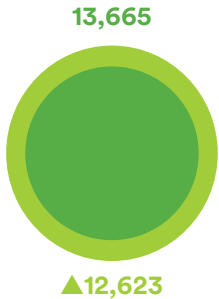


resource downloads

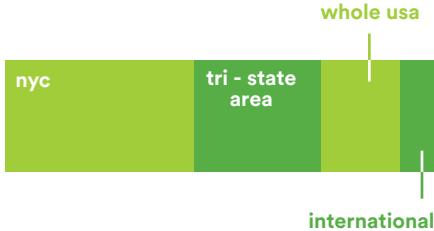


unique website sessions in Q2 2026

social media followers



program audience geographic distribution



Radio BE-Ex



Radio BE-Ex is Building Energy Exchange's live podcast series, which focuses on bringing together industry leaders, innovators, and practitioners working at the intersection of buildings, energy, and sustainability to discuss industry developments, emerging technologies and more.

This quarter, the series explored the many ways people and organizations are driving the clean energy transition in New York and beyond:

- Tara Stitzlein, the CEO of Community Office for Resource Efficiency (CORE), shared lessons from more than three decades of community-led energy advocacy in Colorado, from expanding community solar to advancing building electrification.
- Bomee Jung, CEO and Co-Founder of Cadence OneFive, discussed her career across affordable housing, public service, and climate technology.
- Brian Healey, Vice President of Sales & Marketing at Pearl Street LED Lighting Systems, joined us for a special Daylight Hour 2026 episode, to explore how lighting can improve building performance, occupant comfort, and energy efficiency.

Check out these episodes, and more, on Radio BE-Ex!

► <https://be-exchange.org/radio-be-ex/>

BE-Ex Takes Over Luna Park

To celebrate the close of another successful quarter (and two BE-Ex birthdays) we traded our desk chairs for bike seats and pedaled from Manhattan to Coney Island. Once we arrived, we sat down for a meal together before heading to Luna Park, where a few of us took a spin on the rollercoasters. The day was a great reminder of what makes this team special: a shared commitment to the work we do, and the chance to enjoy each other's company outside the office. As we look ahead to the next quarter, we are grateful for everyone's contributions and excited to see what our Q3 outing will bring.



July 23, 2026

WISE x WiA: Picnic in the Park

Join WISE and Women in ASHRAE (WiA) for an evening in Central Park with warm weather, good snacks, and even better company!

In our first ever collaboration with WiA, we're bringing together women from all areas of sustainability and energy to enjoy the summer weather, spark new friendships, and share a relaxed picnic in the heart of Central Park. Guests are welcome to bring a friend or a favorite snack, and we'll provide refreshments and a limited number of blankets.



► <https://be-exchange.org/wise-wia-picnic/>

September 22, 2026

Climate Week Networking Evening: Buildings as Grid Assets

Kicking off Climate Week, BE-Ex's Industry Leadership Council is hosting a panel event showcasing how buildings can become active participants in a resilient, reliable grid as New York's electricity demand grows. Experts will share practical strategies for grid-responsive electrification, including demand response initiatives, utility incentives, clean heating programs, and emerging sensor technologies.

► https://be-exchange.org/upcoming_event/buildings-as-grid-assets/



September 24, 2026

Women in Waste: Turning Trash into Opportunity

To close out Climate Week, BE-Ex is bringing together a panel of women leaders from across the sustainability industry to explore how waste is being reimagined in NYC. From demolition debris to wastewater and food scraps, the discussion will uncover value in materials often overlooked, reshaping how waste is understood across the built environment.

► <https://be-exchange.org/wise-women-in-waste/>

completed



Building Performance & Compliance Roadmap

In collaboration with the Institute for Market Transformation (IMT), BE-Ex developed a Building Performance & Compliance Roadmap, associated resources, and an Engagement Guide designed to help buildings improve their performance and comply with relevant policies. The Roadmap was intentionally designed to be customized by regional Hubs of the Building Performance Partnership to spotlight local regulatory contexts, financial resources, and other considerations. This work was part of the broader Building Performance Standard Pathway Alternatives & Training Hubs (BPS PATH) project focused on creating tools to help buildings across the nation meet local BPS requirements.

► <https://buildingperformancepartnership.org>

Cutting Carbon in Co-ops & Condos: Strategic Decarbonization Planning for Local Law 97 & Beyond

BE-Ex published a suite of resources to educate co-op and condo stakeholders on LL97 and support their strategic building decarbonization. Sponsored by NYSEDA & REBNY, in partnership with NYC MOCEJ & The Council of New York Cooperatives & Condominiums, these resources will equip owners and property managers with the technical, financial, and planning expertise needed to comply with LL97, lower costs, and raise quality of life.

► <https://be-exchange.org/beexreport/cutting-carbon-coops-condos/>

upcoming



Sharing Heat: Industrial Energy Partnerships from Sweden and New York

Earlier this summer, Building Energy Exchange (BE-Ex) led a delegation of New York policymakers, utility representatives, technical experts, and real estate leaders to Stockholm, Sweden, as part of an ongoing international knowledge exchange focused on advancing building decarbonization through thermal energy networks (TENs).

Building on the successful 2023 low-carbon buildings delegation and a series of TENs focused convenings in Fall 2025, BE-Ex collaborated with the Swedish Energy Agency (SEA) to develop a three-day study tour where delegates engaged with Swedish government agencies, district energy providers, researchers, and private-sector innovators.

► <https://be-exchange.org/insight/returning-to-stockholm/>



Climate Finance Educational Series for Community Lenders

The Building Performance Partnership, in collaboration with Green Building United, New Ecology, and Philadelphia Green Capital Corp., is developing a training program and toolkit to enable Southeast Pennsylvania lending institutions to access available federal funding for climate, environmental justice, and infrastructure projects for the Philadelphia region. The second training, running from August-October 2026 with a cohort of 8 individuals, will help prepare community lenders in the region with the tools and concepts necessary to advance their ongoing work in climate and energy financing.

programs

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ILC Earth Week Networking Evening
April 21

Building Connections: A WISE x WHF
Networking Night
April 30

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project status

Q2 2026

- Window Heat Pump Expo

ongoing

- Building Performance Partnership:
Hubs Support
- HPD Passive House Training
- Empire Building Challenge
Knowledge Platform
- Empire Building Challenge
Training Series
- Building Performance Standard
Pathway Alternatives & Training Hubs
(BPS PATH)
- Co-ops & Condo LL97
Education Campaign
- Future Housing Initiative: Peer Review
- International Pathways:
Swedish Thermal Energy Network
Knowledge Exchange
- Multifamily Decarbonization Pathways
& Symposium