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## City OKs green high-performance homes

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(Courtesy: Boston Redevelopment Authority)

A sketch of the proposed building at 61 Marcela St. in Roxbury

By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

Ten environmentally friendly homes that will generate more energy than they use annually received city approval Tuesday.

The green high-performance residences will be located on three city-owned parcels – two in Roxbury at 160 Highland St. and 61 Marcela St., and one in Roslindale at 64 Catherine St.

Through the Energy Positive (E+) Green Building Demonstration Program, the homes will save homeowners money and meet the highest standards for green and healthy homes, city redevelopment officials said.

“Boston, already a leader in green building, is now setting to work on the next generation of green buildings,” the city announcement said, describing the E+ program as “a residential design and construction initiative that will bring energy positive green homes to Boston’s neighborhoods.”

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The program builds upon the city's Article 37 Green Building Zoning, which promotes private green development, including with a heavy focus on advancing residential green building practices, the release said.

An RFP for the construction of the homes will be issued next month. The program is an initiative of the mayor's environment cabinet and the city's neighborhood development project created in partnership with NSTAR, National Grid, Wainwright Bank and the US Green Building Council, which is providing preferred 'green' lending to participants along with promoting E+.

"The findings from E+ will shape Boston's future green building policies and practices," the city said. "These prototypes will be built in environmentally sustainable locations utilizing high performance designs and green building materials."

Learn more about how the eco-friendly homes [here](#) and [here](#)

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