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Past, Present, Future-Decker Exhibition

October 27, 2020—December 31, 2020

(Boston, MA November 19, 2020)—The exhibition *Past, Present, Future-Decker* is part of an ongoing exploration and documentation of the ways in which existing triple-deckers have shaped the City of Boston, while inviting residents to envision the future of this iconic New England vernacular building typology: the future-decker. This exhibition invites visitors to explore residents' perspectives and experiences with triple-deckers and possible new ways to re-integrate them into the fabric of the city.

In this exhibition, visitors can learn about and better understand the existing and historical barriers that have made it difficult to create this form of middle-scale housing, as well as what changes would be necessary to bring their own versions of the future-decker to life. This work leads up to the BSA and iLab's upcoming Housing Innovation Competition, where participants will be asked to demonstrate that affordable "middle" housing typologies can help stitch together Boston's current and future housing landscape.

The Future-Decker exhibition is curated by Pat Falco, Boston Artist-in-Residence, and Wandy Pascoal, Housing Innovation Design Fellow at the Boston Society for Architecture and the City of Boston's Housing Innovation Lab. Both are focused on exploring new ideas and approaches in addressing Boston's housing needs, including the need [for middle-scale multifamily](#) housing for all.

**In partnership with:**

Boston's Mayor's Housing Innovation Lab, Boston's Mayor's Office of New Urban Mechanics, Wentworth Institute of Technology, Local Voices Network, and Egleston Square Branch of Boston Public Library

The exhibition will be featured at [architects.org/futuredecker](http://architects.org/futuredecker) from October 27, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

[Future-Decker Conversation Series](#)

As a part of the *Future-Decker* exhibition, the Boston Society for Architecture will host a virtual conversation series, which will feature discussions with residents, architects, designers, and other practitioners as they share and learn from one other about the past, present, and future of the iconic building type: the three-decker.

Speakers and participants will build upon the architectural, economic, and ultimately social value of triple and future-deckers in the city of Boston and the region.

#### Conversation Series Dates

Future-Decker Exhibition Opening and Tour  
October 28, 2020 | 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Sustainable Homes: Energy Retrofits for Small-Middle Scale Housing  
December 2, 2020 | 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Affordable Futures: Financing for Small-Middle Scale Housing and Exhibition Closing  
December 16, 2020 | 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Anti-racist Design: Reimagining the Future of Multi-Family Housing  
January 2021 | 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

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#### About the Boston Society for Architecture

The Boston Society for Architecture (BSA) is a diverse community committed to improving the quality of life for everyone through architecture and design. The BSA brings leadership about the built environment to New England's design profession and to communities throughout Greater Boston. The BSA keeps its 4,500 professional members working at the top of their fields while empowering children, communities, and municipalities to use design to create safe and healthy neighborhoods. Architecture can provide equitable solutions for housing, regional planning, and climate change. The BSA uses the expertise of architects, designers, and building professionals to make good design a part of life for everyone who lives, works, and plays in Boston. The BSA serves everyone who benefits from the built environment. By hosting professional and youth design education programs, fostering community engagement and membership networks, and initiating civic transformation, the BSA is making this a region where architects thrive and communities flourish.

#### About the City of Boston's Mayor's Housing Innovation Lab

Mayor Martin J Walsh established the Housing Innovation Lab in 2015 as a first of its kind effort to pilot and scale affordable housing innovations within municipal government. The iLab works with experts inside and outside of government to explore new ideas for making Boston's housing more affordable. The iLab is embedded within the City's Department of Neighborhood Development (DND), which is the agency responsible for housing creation, preservation and policy and the Mayor's Office of New Urban Mechanics (MONUM), which is the City's innovation team. For more information, visit: [Housing Innovation Lab](#)

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