Implementing Partners

Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation is America's first community development corporation. Restoration offers a full spectrum of community development programs, including their Weatherization Assistance Program, which has reduced energy costs in over 9,000 units over the past 25 years. National Grid's Low Income Gas Efficiency Program (LIGEP) provides additional resources to help residents reduce their energy use.

The Pratt Center for Community Development works for a more just, equitable, and sustainable city for all New Yorkers, by empowering communities to plan for and realize their futures. The Pratt Center is the Coordinator of the New York State Energy and Research Development Authority (NYSERDA) Energy $mart Communities program for Brooklyn and Queens.

The NYC Justice Corps Program trains young people, 18 to 24 years old, with recent criminal justice system contacts. Justice Corps participants are participating in environmental improvement projects and being trained for jobs in the Weatherization Assistance Program and the growing retrofit industry.

Coalition for the Improvement of Bedford Stuyvesant is a unique collaboration of 25 community-based social and economic development organizations. The housing organizations participating in this initiative together own and manage 6,000 units of housing, and are committed to making their housing and surrounding environment more sustainable.
RETROFIT BEDFORD STUYVESANT, BLOCK BY BLOCK makes it easy for residents to achieve home and neighborhood improvements: to reduce housing costs, fight asthma, allergies, and other health issues caused by poor indoor and outdoor air quality, improve housing conditions, decrease dependence on polluting energy sources, and improve the environment.

Bedford Stuyvesant’s strong network of block, civic, faith and neighborhood associations is working together to make energy efficiency affordable—bringing down energy bills while helping the environment.

The goal of Retrofit Bedford Stuyvesant, Block By Block is to develop a model for effectively and quickly greening urban neighborhoods throughout the United States.

We are creating model green blocks on Herkimer Street between Bedford and New York Avenues. These blocks were selected as pilots because of existing weatherization projects and high rates of resident participation.

NYC Justice Corps participants are providing weatherization and other environmental services to Retrofit Bedford Stuyvesant block residents.

Homeowners on these blocks receive:

- Free energy audits
- Assistance accessing financial incentives for energy retrofits
- Street trees and improvements to the community garden
- Free energy-efficient, CFL light bulbs for tenants who exchange their incandescent bulbs
- Social services and jobs assistance for residents who seek other forms of help
We plan to make all of Bedford Stuyvesant's blocks green blocks by:

- Retrofitting 5,000 homes for energy efficiency, in five years;
- Increasing awareness and participation among neighborhood residents to undertake effective environmental steps on a neighborhood scale;
- Employing residents in the growing weatherization field;
- Tracking reductions in energy use, dangerous emissions and costs

Energy retrofits, also referred to as weatherization or energy upgrades, are improvements to your home that reduce the use of heating fuel, electricity and water. Typical measures include insulation, upgrades to the heating system, weatherstripping, low-flow water fixtures, and energy efficient lighting and appliances, windows and doors. Every homeowner in NYC is eligible for financial incentives for energy retrofits.

Are you interested in making your home energy efficient too?

The Pratt Center for Community Development and Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation can help you upgrade your home for energy efficiency by identifying financial incentive programs that help pay for energy audits and weatherization.

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