



ENERGY STAR® NEW HOMES PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Homes for America: Bringing Energy Efficiency to Affordable Housing

As a nonprofit developer providing affordable housing to special needs families and seniors, Homes for America is all about improving communities. The organization, founded in 1994 and headquartered in Maryland, is among the country’s largest and most respected developers of affordable housing.

Since its inception, Homes for America has been dedicated to making life better for its residents. Recently, the organization partnered with Pepco’s ENERGY STAR New Homes Program on Homes on Quaker Lane, a 62-and-up affordable senior living community in Sandy Spring, MD.

“We’re always looking for ways to save money for the residents and reduce energy use in common areas,” said Development Associate Vicky Grim.

Benefits for Developers and Residents Alike

Homes for America first became aware of the Pepco rebate program on their sustainability consultant’s recommendation. The ENERGY STAR New Homes Program offers incentives for developers who follow ENERGY STAR building practices, including installing energy-efficient HVAC systems, water management systems, and energy-efficient appliances. The Homes for America team was happy with the process and outcome.

Due to energy-efficient infrastructure and appliances throughout, residents of the new building can enjoy lower utility bills and take pride in living in an environmentally friendly home.

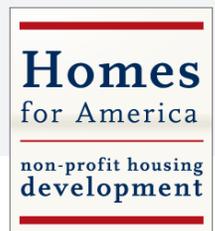
The Good Work Continues

Over the years, Homes for America has developed 81 rental communities that make up more than 6,400 homes in four different states. As for the future, the organization is excited for a large upcoming project that will serve 165 senior residents. The Homes for America team plans to participate in the Pepco rebate program again on this and other future developments. They encourage others to participate as well. “It’s a great benefit,” said Grim.

When asked how energy efficiency aligns with Homes for America’s mission of creating communities and enriching lives, Diane Clyde said, “Most rewarding is helping the residents who live on a fixed income. It’s important to us.”

“It was seamless. We’re enthusiastic to use the program again in the future.”

– Diane Clyde,
Executive Vice President
of Real Estate Development



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