Toward Affordable and Healthy Housing for All

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Housing (and Energy) Affordability

- Housing affordability inclusive of energy costs is a serious challenge.
- In New York, >3 million households are at or above the affordability threshold of 30 percent of household income spent on housing.
- In New York, >1.5 million households paid half or more of their income in housing costs.
- Controlling energy costs can help, especially in multifamily buildings (where majority of downstate and urban low income families reside).

A View of Energy Burden in New York


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<th>Percent of FPL</th>
<th>Households</th>
<th>Average Energy Burden</th>
<th>Range Among Counties</th>
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<td>Below 50%</td>
<td>510,385</td>
<td>26%</td>
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<td>50% - 100%</td>
<td>632,465</td>
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<td>100% - 125%</td>
<td>318,633</td>
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<td>125% - 150%</td>
<td>320,617</td>
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<td>427,044</td>
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<td>169,320</td>
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Energy Assistance in NY

- 2.4 million households in NY are income eligible for HEAP and WAP based on 60% of SMI
- 3.1 million households in NY are income eligible for programs using 80% AMI
- $700 million/year on low income energy assistance
- Bill assistance is more than 2/3 of the money spent on low income energy assistance
- Efficiency programs are 1/3 of money spent on low income energy assistance
Assistance is more than $ 

• Benefits of Energy Efficiency
  – Lower bills increase housing security
  – Safer and healthier homes
  – Equitable access to clean energy and jobs

• Best Practices
  – Incentives/cost sharing
  – Tenant benefits
  – Trained workforce
  – Whole building/comprehensive approach
  – Clean energy where feasible and appropriate
Funding for Energy Efficiency in NY

• Weatherization Assistance Program
  – Direct funding from DOE

• Home Energy Assistance Program
  – 14% of HEAP $ in NY goes to Efficiency Programs

• Clean Energy Fund
  – Funded by utility surcharges (& HEAP, cap & trade)
  – Statewide programs run by NYSERDA

• Utility programs
Federal Funding is the Foundation

• HEAP and WAP
• But also:
  – Utility Programs
  – Multifamily Performance Programs
  – Solar and Heat Pumps
  – Weatherization Preservation Plus (P+) Initiative
  – Healthy Homes Pilots
  – Geographic targeting
Resources
http://energyefficiencyforall.org/
https://www.nyeefa.org/

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