

# Building Better Homes

Zero Emission Homes for Healthier Communities



## PREPARE

for the future of residential new construction

## ADVANCE

your design and building practices

## BUILD

cleaner, healthier communities

## MARKET

the sale of desirable efficient homes

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## Make healthy home design and construction the standard in New York

Clean and resilient healthy homes are the future of residential new construction. Now is the time to develop expertise and deliver zero emission homes and neighborhoods that provide high quality, healthy, comfortable, and safe living environments.

### Building Better Homes program

NYSERDA established the Building Better Homes program to empower developers and home builders to advance building practices. The program enables developers and builders to build resilient zero emission homes and market their sale.

### Benefits of zero emission homes

There are many benefits of zero emission homes. They include:

- **Eliminating** combustion, such as burning natural gas or fuel oil, from the building
- **Using** efficient, high-performing energy sources (including renewables) to significantly reduce emissions
- **Creating** cleaner, healthier spaces, which is especially important for people with asthma and allergies.

### Become a local leader in zero emission home development

As a participating new home builder or developer, NYSERDA will support you to advance your design and construction approach for delivering high-quality, reliable zero emission homes.

Funding is available for marketing, design, or re-design, per home incentive, and training to expand and improve your building practices. The program can help you position your firm as a local leader in zero emission healthy home development.



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## Through the Building Better Homes program, you will have access to:

- Build market capacity for high-performance all electric homes outfitted with clean energy technologies and resilient, sustainable construction practices.
- Design or re-design support to revamp your design to meet the zero emission program goals.
- Training support for project team and staff to pursue Passive House trainings and certifications.
- Financial incentive for approved projects that demonstrate program goals.

## Eligibility

- Applications must be submitted prior to issuance of the building permit.
- Builder promotion and marketing of their zero emission home is a critical aspect of accessing program support.
- Third party certification to a standard such as Passive House, Zero Energy Ready Homes, ENERGY STAR®, ILFI, NGBS or an alternative listed in the program documents.
- Resiliency strategies should future proof and protect homes during flood events and to mitigate impacts during power outages.

## Who can apply

Developers and Home Builders are encouraged to apply. At a minimum, the following must be demonstrated:

- Demographics, background, and production levels.
- Actively building single-family homes or townhomes in New York State.
- Commitment to building zero emission homes.

**Be a part of developing healthier, more resilient communities.**

## Ready to get started?

Learn more about the program at  
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