

Housing Preservation



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While Habitat for Humanity New York City and Westchester is known for engaging volunteers to build and repair homes in the five boroughs, we know that we cannot build our way out of our affordable housing crisis. We must increase our efforts to preserve the city's existing affordable housing stock.

Habitat NYC and Westchester's Housing Preservation program is a multi-faceted initiative that assists low-to moderate-income New York City homeowners in low-income co-operatives with programs designed to strengthen their ability to remain in their homes. We offer Technical Assistance (TA) programs aimed at strengthening boards and stabilizing building operations. Habitat NYC and Westchester's Community Fund provides access to affordable capital and our construction preservation services program (CPS) combines a strategic mix of skilled tradespeople and volunteers to perform a defined scope of work that will address the physical needs of a building.

Housing Preservation Range of Services

- Construction repair assessments
- Construction repairs in units and in common areas
- Construction repairs to roofs, fire escapes, masonry, windows and mechanical systems
- Volunteer-driven construction opportunities
- Accessing funding to pay for repairs

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Habitat NYC and Westchester offers Technical Assistance to the Boards of existing affordable housing buildings. The assistance stabilizes building operations and potentially allows a Board to access available funding sources for repairs and/or navigate internal governance, budgeting, or other issues.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (THE COMMUNITY FUND)

The Habitat for Humanity New York City Community Fund has the capacity to provide low interest loans to existing HDFCs that are struggling financially. These loans allow buildings to pay off existing bills, returning them to good financial standing and triggering access to potential funding from the City or other sources.

CONSTRUCTION PRESERVATION SERVICES (CPS)

With CPS, Habitat NYC and Westchester serves as a general contractor to perform necessary capital improvements to resident-owned and controlled multifamily buildings at a low cost. This ensures that residents will not find themselves in financial distress due to paying for costly repairs beyond their means. While the scope of work varies with each project, we seek opportunities for skilled trades, volunteers, and potentially the homeowners themselves to perform the construction, allowing us to maximize impact and minimize costs.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For additional information or to inquire if your building may be eligible for the program, send an email to cbell@habitatnycwc.org or call **212-991-4000 ext. 358**