



A Greener, Cleaner Habitat

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At Habitat NYC and Westchester, we have a vision of a city – and a world – where everyone has a decent place to live. And part of that vision is ensuring that the place we live, our greater Habitat, is clean, healthy and resilient. That’s why we are dedicated to building a sustainable city.

OUR CONSTRUCTION SITES: **Building and Preserving Healthy Homes**

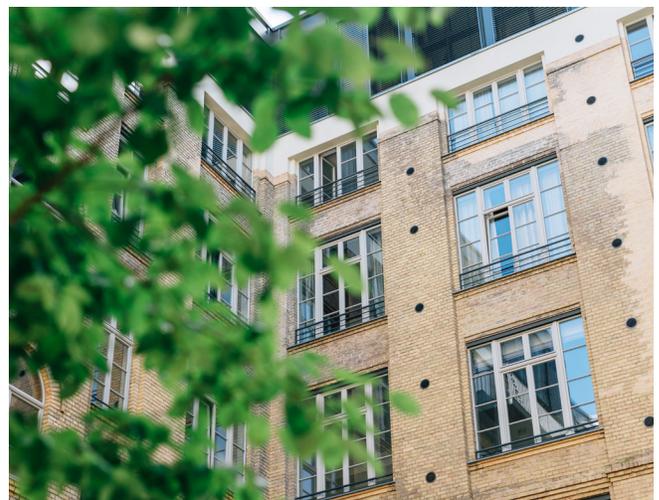
As a non-profit affordable housing developer, we strive to build and preserve healthy homes for hard-working families. We have employed various green and sustainable building methods for several years now. We have built homes to LEED standards (Silver and Gold), and have implemented standards set forth in Enterprise Green Communities building criteria as well as NYSERDA performance program protocol.

Our methods of green building include:

- Installing low-flow water fixtures
- Providing EnergyStar appliances
- Installing low energy LED lighting

We are currently exploring the possibilities of more energy efficient designs and use of energy based on renewable resources, like passive standards and solar energy.

Our remodeling of dilapidated and abandoned houses into safe, affordable and energy efficient family homes helps to preserve neighborhoods and communities in the city, one house at a time. In the end, our families are healthier, wealthier and more resilient.





OUR OFFICE:

Working Greener

Habitat NYC and Westchester's bustling downtown Manhattan office is abuzz with activity, working towards a more sustainable office. We already recycle paper, glass, metal, plastics, plastic bags, empty printer toner cartridges and batteries, but we strive to do more to reduce our carbon footprint by reducing waste and energy consumption, and by making greener buying choices.

THE RESTORE:

Reducing, Reusing & Recycling

Our ReStore, a retail concept that sells donated furniture, appliances, building materials and more at up to 80 percent off the original price, is one of our major green initiatives. Reusing and repurposing these materials keeps landfills empty and sidewalks cleaner. In our first two years of operation, **the ReStore diverted more than 750 tons of household items from landfills!**

The ReStore donation trucks can drive up to 15,000 miles a year – that's every street in the city... twice! That can contribute to a lot of CO2 emission. Through a grant made possible by the Attorney General of New York's office, **The ReStore uses two all-electric trucks to pick up ReStore donations.**

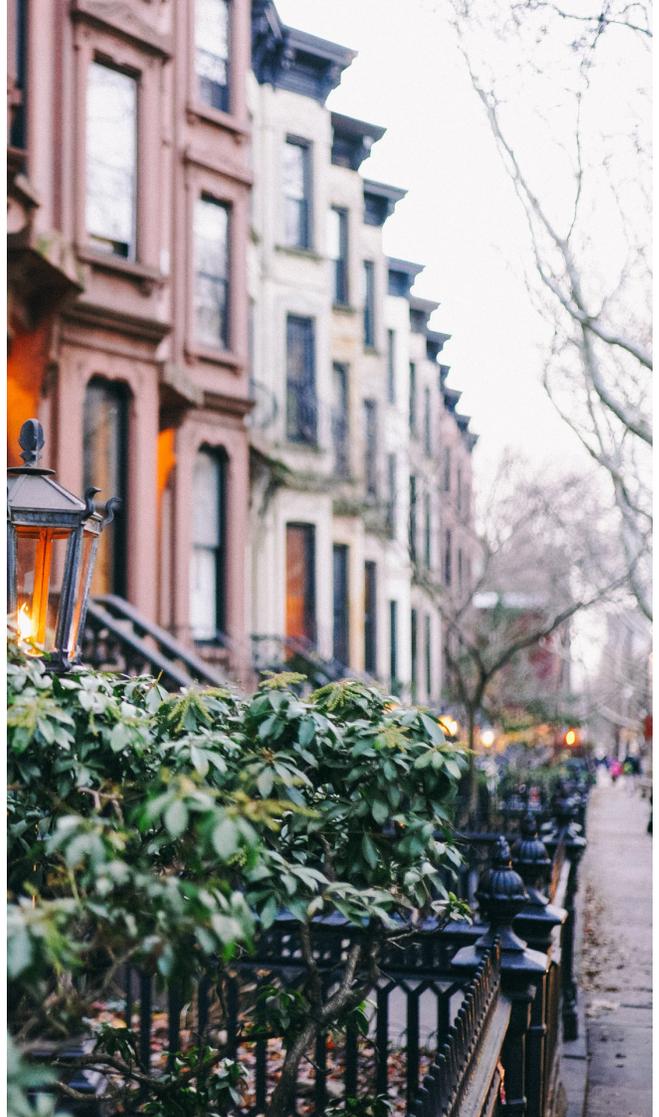
A BRUSH WITH KINDNESS:

Kind to People and the Earth

Our A Brush with Kindness (BWK) program, in which volunteers paint, landscape or perform other light work to improve public spaces, brightens the lives of thousands of New Yorkers a year.

Because we understand that a city needs to balance living space with green space, BWK works in community gardens, playgrounds and other outdoor areas.

BWK uses only non-toxic, no-VOC paint, and that keeps volunteers and community members healthier and safer.



We're doing our part to make New York green, clean and healthy for everyone. Join us by donating, volunteering or advocating with Habitat NYC and Westchester!

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