

First Street

my home.
made better.

an energy efficiency profile



Mary Snyder

About my house

My house was very drafty – especially my living room – because it had been converted from a porch and had no insulation. During the winter, the house was cold and my bills were very high. That's why I was happy to hear about Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® - I also wanted to do my part to prevent global warming.

How I got started on energy efficiency

I attended a neighborhood meeting about recycling – that was where I met Euphemia Martin from the Public Policy and Education Fund (PPEF). She described the program and asked if anyone was interested in finding out more about energy saving and conservation. So I signed up.

How the program worked

I had to apply for the assessment of my home. When my contractor conducted the assessment, a gas leak was found that had been going on for years. We called NYSEG and had the leak fixed immediately. When the assessment was complete, I also found out how much energy my home was wasting.

The best part

My house was built in 1917, so it's pretty old. The furnace was old too, and that was replaced with a new efficient model. With help from PPEF, I applied for both financing and the Assisted Home Performance grant. The grant paid half of the total cost while the rest was covered by a very low interest rate loan. Even though I'm making payments on that loan, at this point it doesn't feel like I'm paying anything.

My two cents

The first utility bill after the energy upgrade was the lowest I ever had since I owned the house. I noticed the difference in temperature immediately – and with the On-Bill Recovery Financing, it feels as though it hasn't cost me anything. I couldn't be happier that it was done.

Contact PPEF today to get started on your own energy upgrade!

> We are here to help you save money and enjoy a more comfortable, healthy home. Get in touch!

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