

Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven, Inc. (NHS New Haven)

New Haven, Connecticut



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In September 2008, we conducted an SSC Green Audit at NHS New Haven, surveying their employees, calculating their carbon footprint, and suggesting the most strategic and cost-effective way to go green.

Background

The company began implementing green building practices to reduce homeowner's energy expenses. NHS New Haven is implementing damp cellulose insulation, ceramic radiant barrier paint, all CFL lighting, and new ENERGY STAR windows. NHS New Haven is reusing as many existing materials and finishes as are practical.

Green Benefits

Community "green" advocates are satisfied that steps have been taken in the right direction, and others in the community are eager to see what they have done.

Advice

Take the green building initiative as an opportunity to become experimental: take steps that you can, as soon as you can. Do not become paralyzed by endless analysis and study. The least glitzy is often the best thing to do. For example, improving the insulation is most often the best use of limited funds, and produces lasting benefits.

Next on the Green Agenda

Expanding the use of damp cellulose building insulation.

Remember!

Even though these examples are about new buildings for homeowners, you can apply these lessons to your own administrative offices!

Services Provided: Carbon footprint calculation, sustainability workshop



Client

Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven, Inc.

Industry

Non-profit, Affordable Housing

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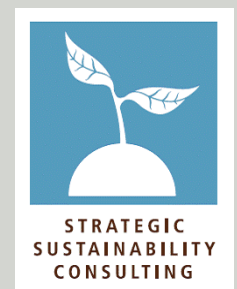
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