



Greening America's Communities



Goals of Enterprise Community Partners' Green Communities:

- \$555 mm to create 8,500 environmentally sustainable affordable homes
- Transform how we locate, design and build affordable housing
- Build bridge between environmentalists and community developers



National Partners

NRDC

American Institute of Architects

American Planning Association

Bank of America

Blue Moon Fund

BP America

Citigroup Foundation

Fannie Mae

Freddie Mac

Global Green USA

The Home Depot Foundation

J.P. Morgan Chase

The Kresge Foundation

Merrill Lynch CDC

M&T Bank

Natl Assoc State Energy Officials

Natl Center Healthy Hsng

Southface

Surdna Foundation

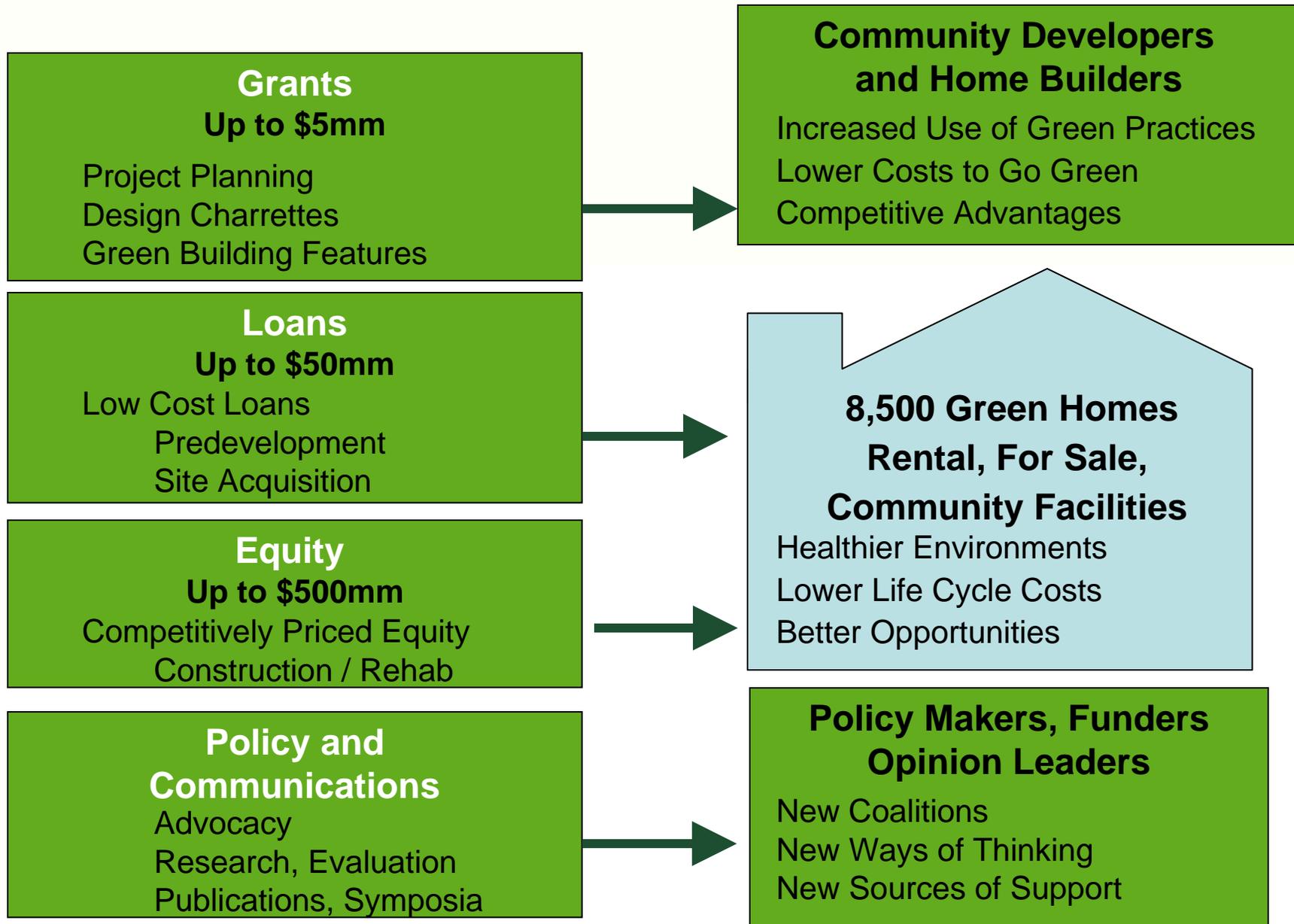
Tides Foundation

US Dept HUD

US Green Building Council

Washington Mutual

The Green Communities Initiative





Results to Date

- **Established the Green Communities Criteria**
- **9,200 sustainable homes underway in 220 developments across 25 states.**
- **\$430 million invested - \$4.5m in grants**
- **2,800 professionals trained through 24 in-person and on-line events.**
- **More than 20 state and local housing policies made more sustainable.**



Green Communities Framework

- Urban, Suburban, Rural
- New Construction
- Rehabilitation
- Moderate Rehabilitation
- Adaptive Re-use
- Single-family Detached
- Single-family Attached
- Multi-family high-,mid-,and low-rise



Green Communities Criteria

- Natural Resources Defense Council
- American Institute of Architects
- American Planning Association
- National Center for Healthy Housing
- Center for Maximum Potential Building Solutions
- USGBC
- Southface
- Global Green, USA
- Affordable Housing Developers



Green Communities Criteria

- Developed in 2004
- Cost-effective framework for affordable housing of all types
- Mandatory elements in seven of the eight categories
- Must obtain sufficient optional points – 25 pts for new construction and 20 pts for rehabilitation
- Eligible for grants, loans, equity investments and project based technical assistance
- Project Sponsor and project architect certify that items have been included

Green Criteria Available At:

www.greencommunitiesonline.org/getstarted-request.asp

Green Communities Framework

1. Integrated Design Process
 2. Location and Neighborhood Fabric
 3. Site
 4. Water Conservation
 5. Energy Conservation
 6. *Materials and Resources*
 7. Healthy Living Environment
 8. Operations and Management
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Category 1: Integrated Design Process



Green Design Specialist
Inter-disciplinary Team
Green Development Plan





Category 2: Location and Neighborhood Fabric

Proximity to Existing
Development

Protecting Environmental
Resources

Proximity to Services

Compact Development

Walkable Neighborhoods





Category 3: Site Improvements

Environmental Remediation

Erosion and Sedimentation
Control

Native Landscaping

Surface Water Management



Photo courtesy Lake County,
Ohio



Category 4: Water Conservation

Water-Conserving
Appliances and
Fixtures

Efficient Irrigation





Category 5: Energy Efficiency

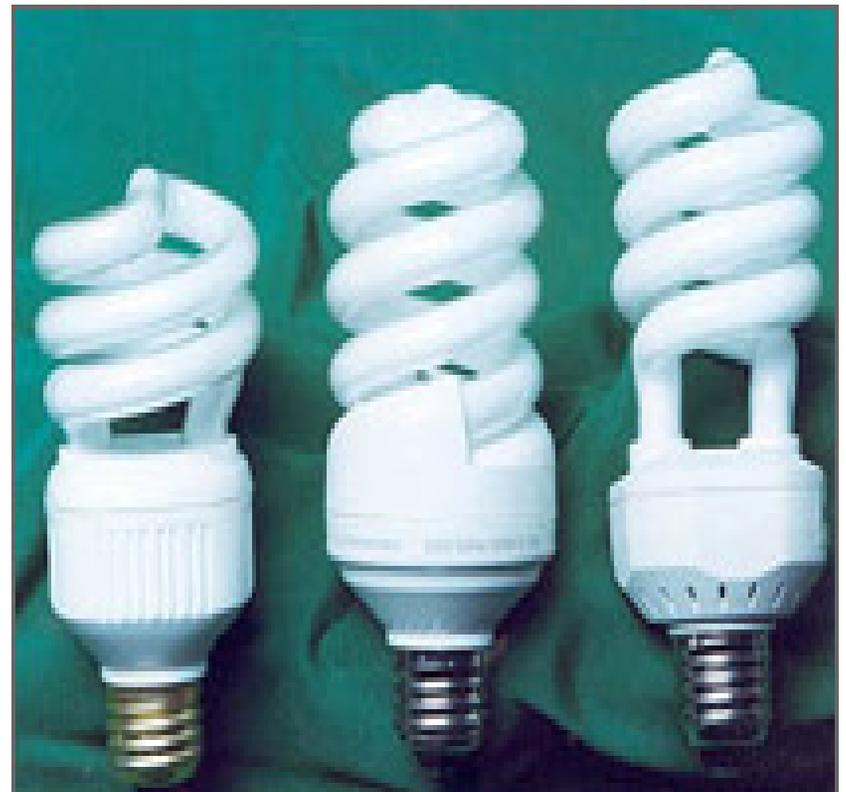
Efficient Energy Use

Energy Star Appliances

Energy Star Lighting

Electricity Meter

Photovoltaic Panels/Ready





Category 6: Materials Beneficial to the Environment

Construction Waste Management

Recycled Content Materials

Certified, Salvaged and Engineered Wood

Water-Permeable Surfaces

Reducing Heat-Island Effect





Category 7: Healthy Living Environment

Low Voc Paints, Primers, Adhesives and Sealants

Non-Formaldehyde Composite Wood

Green Label Carpet

Exhaust Fans Vented Outdoors

Adequate Ventilation

Proper HVAC Sizing

Non-mold Propagating Materials in Wet Areas

Moisture-Resistant Materials in Bathrooms

Integrated Pest Management



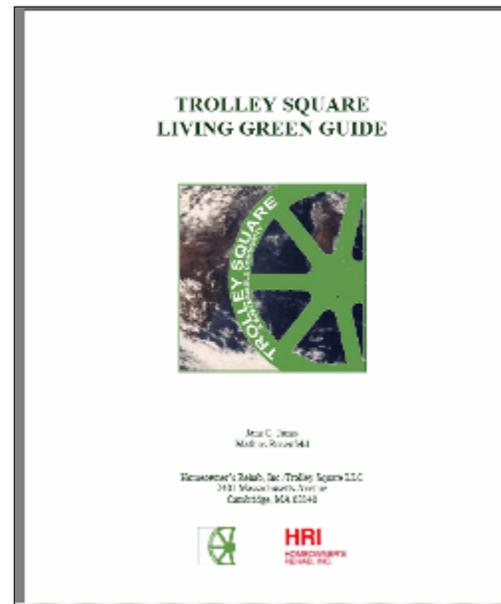


Category 8: Operations and Maintenance

Owner's Manual

Resident's Manual

Owner Orientation



***Also Available in
Spanish***



DC Green Communities Initiative

- Collaboration between Enterprise Community Partners and GreenHOME
- Mission is to make affordable housing and the neighborhoods in which it is developed green. The collaboration will prepare the development community and regulators to produce and oversee development of green projects and communities in an economically sustainable manner through a three part initiative.



DC Green Communities Initiative 3-year goals include:

- Directly support the development of 400 affordable homes with a total development cost of more than \$60 million
- Provide expert training and technical assistance for affordable housing developers and government staff
- Provide six \$30,000 green planning grants and six \$100,000 capital improvement grants for select developments
- Develop green resource center
- Work with elected officials and government agencies to shape green policies and regulations



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