

News & Views



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Green Economy: Green Housing – Green Rehab training well received: On April 22-24, NCACDC delivered Green Economy: Green Housing – Greening Rehab Training. Overwhelmingly, the over 50 attendees indicated that the training was timely, informative and well delivered.

Last year, NCACDC identified the need to provide leadership to the CED field to strengthen energy efficiency and green building practices in our work and communities. However, new federal stimulus and Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds for rehab, retrofit and job creation have made it is more important than ever for CDCs and CBOs to ramp up their knowledge of energy efficient practices and technologies to ensure effective utilization of available resources.

Under a new partnership with NeighborWorks America, NCACDC secured the master trainer, Armand Magnelli, President of Livable Housing, Inc. York, PA. The opening session framed the training objectives and included Susan Perry Cole, NCACDC President/CEO; Ramona Johnson, Mid-Atlantic District Office, NeighborWorks America; and Chris Stearns, HUD Field Office Director.

Some of the training objectives were to:

- Acquire information, tools & resources to enable participants to define green strategies & standards
- Gain a framework for a plan of action to green participants' programs
- Access the best available green resources to strategically prepare the participants and their organizations

High Marks on Evaluations: Ninety percent of the participants, who included NCACDC members, lenders, contractors, community based organizations, state agencies and intermediaries, provided evaluation ratings, scoring the overall value of the event at least a 5 on a 6 point scale; over half of those gave 6 out of 6.

One of the participant commented on the practical application of NCACDC's services by stating:

"Armand combined knowledge with practicality very effectively. It is obvious that he knows what he is talking about."

Future Green Planning Underway: NCACDC is developing plans to:

- Continue the facilitation for the CDC industry to utilize & incorporate green techniques
- Provide building performance analysis & energy audits tools
- Analyze, compile & provide a matrix of products and services for the practical greening of rehab & new construction projects

Look for more information on the possibilities of the Green Economy at our 2009 Conference jointly sponsored by the NC/SC Associations of CDCs at Embassy Suites Hotel in Greensboro, NC on August 3 - 5. To register for the Conference, visit www.ncacdc.org

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