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Enfield Housing Authority Sees Residential Savings through Energy Efficiency

Estimated annual savings of \$24,000 and increased comfort are a win for EHA and residents alike

ENFIELD, Conn. – March 08, 2017 –The Enfield Housing Authority (EHA) teamed up with Eversource and Energize Connecticut on a series of energy efficiency improvements at its Laurel Park Apartments. Originally challenged by inefficient boilers, water heaters, and lighting, EHA worked with Eversource to evaluate its existing equipment and identify energy-saving upgrades available through Energize Connecticut’s [Multifamily Initiative](#).

“EHA partnered with us to understand the holistic measures, rather than one-off projects or upgrades, that will address their all-encompassing challenges,” said Eversource’s Energy Efficiency spokesman, Enoch Lenge. “EHA not only cared about keeping energy costs down; they cared about the comfort of their residents too.”

EHA installed high-efficiency space heating units, domestic hot water boilers, and LED lighting. Each residential unit also received weatherization measures like air sealing, caulking, and water-saving showerheads. The completed project will save EHA and its residents approximately \$24,000 in energy costs annually.

State Representatives Greg Stokes and Carol Hall, along with Enfield Mayor Scott Kaupin, recently joined Eversource to see Laurel Park’s energy efficiency first-hand.

“Whether you’re a business owner or resident, energy-efficient projects, like the one we saw today, should matter to everyone in Connecticut,” said Representative Stokes. “We all watch our expenses—and energy is one way to save. Eversource has been a go-to resource to share that message and educate residents in the Enfield community.”

“Our energy-efficient upgrades were a major factor in the decision to *not* increase base rents for our residents this year,” said Scott Bertrand, Executive Director, EHA. “Now, we have money back in our reserves—and back in our residents’ pockets too.”

Bertrand added, “Our residents pay their utilities, so their personal comfort and efficiency was just as important to us. Now, each unit is expected to see an average of \$280 in energy savings each year.”

Residents looking to save energy and money should visit EnergizeCT.com or call 877-WISE-USE (947-3873).



PHOTO CAPTION (from left to right): State Representative Greg Stokes; Enfield Mayor Scott Kaupin; State Representative Carol Hall; Scott Bertrand, Executive Director, EHA; Enoch Lenge, Eversource Energy Efficiency; and Mary Ellen Kuraska, Vice Chair, EHA Board of Commissioners

About Energize Connecticut

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