



STEP UP

SMALL TOWN ENERGY PROGRAM
FOR UNIVERSITY PARK

Small STEP. Big Impact.

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STEP-UP is made possible by a grant from the Better Buildings Neighborhood Program of the U.S. Department of Energy.

“As the Energy Coach, I’m dedicated to helping you get all of the benefits of STEP-UP and making the program smooth and simple.

You can call, email or meet with me for answers, information, and all types of assistance.”

Energy Coach
Suzanne Parmet



WHAT IS STEP-UP?

The Small Town Energy Program (STEP) is for residents of College Heights Estates, Hyattsville, Riverdale Park and University Park. The program makes it easy and affordable for you to increase the energy efficiency of your home, so you and your family may enjoy these benefits year-round:

- **Comfort**, with fewer drafts and hot/cold rooms;
- **Savings**, with lower utility bills and huge rebates for home energy improvements;
- **Value**, because an energy-upgraded home is worth more to buyers; and
- **Health**, by helping to identify mold, moisture, CO leaks and home air quality issues.

“The process is much easier than I thought, so don’t let this opportunity get away from you.”

Michele L.



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ITS AS *Easy* AS:

Ready

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Set

Get an energy evaluation, find out what your home needs, and decide on the improvements you'll make.

Save

Make improvements, get financial incentives, and enjoy comfort and lower bills.



A STEP-UP *Success* STORY

STEP-UP recently helped University Park residents Sandy and Brandt make their home more comfortable and energy efficient. "There was one side of the house where most of the windows had been replaced just before we moved in so we figured there weren't any issues with them. The evaluation found just the opposite," Sandy said. "When the windows were installed they were never caulked, so the evaluator showed me where you could actually look right through the space and see outside the house. That really shocked me, but it also was an easy and inexpensive repair that made a huge difference. And on top of the energy savings, we benefitted by reducing the noise from the road and from the rattling of the windows when it got windy."

THE STATS

Home built in 1916 | 2,440 Sq. Ft. | Oil Heat

Project cost.....	\$3,130
Rebates.....	\$2,365
Project Cost After Rebates.....	\$765
Energy Cost Savings/Year*.....	\$1,168

*cost savings are estimates

WHAT YOU GET WITH STEP-UP

- Rebates of \$400 to \$4,650 for home energy efficiency upgrades
- Free support and answers from the Energy Coach
- Information on qualified energy evaluators and contractors
- A "one-stop shop" for accessing all available incentives
- Financing with low rates
- Follow-up to ensure your comfort and savings

Within the first two months we saw our energy bill drop close to 20 percent."

Tassie H.

SPECIAL FINANCING

Through an agreement with Sandy Spring Bank, qualified STEP-UP participants can get financing for home energy efficiency improvements at rates as low as 4%, with no money down. Between the rebates, energy bill savings and below market rate financing, your home energy improvements can quickly pay for themselves.



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