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The BetterBuildings for Michigan residential program provides direct support—including [home energy assessments](#), [incentives](#) and [access to affordable loan options](#)—to Michigan homeowners looking to make their homes more energy efficient.



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About Robert Reese's home:

- Built in 1945.
- Third-generation farm house.
- One-story ranch house.

What energy-related problems did Robert Reese face?

- High energy bills caused by under insulation and air leakage.
- Very drafty old windows, especially during the winter months.

What improvements were made?

- Increased insulation in the attic by 10", which brought it to the recommended level of insulation for mid-Michigan's climate.
- Air-sealed the rim-joint, band-joint and top-plates which resulted in a 30% reduction in air leakage for the whole house.
- Used the Michigan Saves 0% loan to replace all of the windows in the house, resulting in a more comfortable, quieter, and more energy efficient home.

What were the benefits?

- Air sealing reduced home air infiltration by 30%.
- Reduced noise, increased comfort and energy efficiency for the home.
- Projected energy bill savings of \$61/month.

To learn more about benefits of the BetterBuildings for Michigan program, contact the DeWitt Charter Township office at 517.668.0270. More information is also available online at www.dewittbbfm.org.

BetterBuildings for Michigan uses a community approach to deliver energy efficiency improvements for homes and businesses by providing access to incentives and affordable loans. The program is supported by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and developed by the Michigan Energy Office; Michigan Saves; the City of Grand Rapids; the Economic Development Corporation of the City of Detroit; and the Southeast Michigan Regional Energy Office.