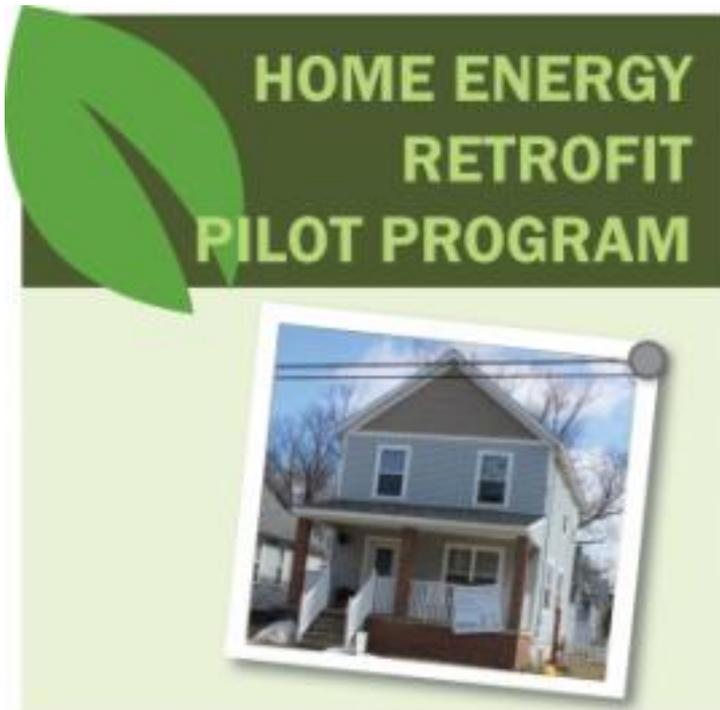


## Home Energy Upgrades



The City of Holland is taking another step forward in its pursuit of the Community Energy Plan. We are ready to launch a 50-house pilot program for Home Energy Retrofit. The goal of this program is to determine the effectiveness of energy saving measures when applied to our housing stock. Pending the results of this pilot program, we intend to implement a larger program which would make this service available to every city residence.

The City of Holland has engaged the services of Schneider Electric, an internationally recognized energy management firm, to conduct the pilot program. Schneider Electric, using a team of certified energy auditors, will conduct a thorough on-site evaluation of each home and will produce an individualized, cost-effective plan to improve energy efficiency. Schneider Electric will manage a team of professional contractors to make the actual home improvements. Each home will receive a one-year guarantee of energy savings.

All single-family residential homeowners within the city limits are eligible to apply for the pilot program. For those homeowners desiring assistance, the City of Holland, the Holland Board of Public Works, and SEMCO ENERGY Gas Company have partnered together in creating a financial package at 1.99%. All energy saving measures would be installed in time for next winter's heating season.

The first step in this process is to create a candidate list of interested and committed homeowners. Schneider Electric will refine the list and work directly with the selected homeowners. The selected homes will compose a cross-sectional representation of our community. Homeowners will be asked to submit a \$100 down payment with their application. The down payment will be held by the City of Holland and is fully refundable to those not selected for the program. Applications must be received by June 15, 2014.

There are resources available in order to help you make a decision about participation. Interactive open community meetings at City Hall are scheduled for Thursday, May 29 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Holland City Hall, 270 South River Avenue, Council Chambers on the main floor. Additionally, you may call Sinka Babinec or Ryan Cotton at (616) 355-1310 for more information. You may also contact Peter Boogaart, Chairperson of the Home Energy Retrofit Task Force, via email at [pboogaart@hotmail.com](mailto:pboogaart@hotmail.com). Read the accompanying fact sheet and follow the pathway to sign up for the pilot program.

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The City of Holland is excited about its potential to improve energy efficiency across the board. You, as an individual homeowner can be a key, early player in the process. We encourage your participation and look forward to receiving your application for the Home Energy Retrot Pilot Program.

### Supporting Documents



[Home Energy Upgrades Program](#)



[Standard Terms & Conditions for Participation - Please Complete & Return to the City Manager's Office.](#)

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