

Button Up & Energy Efficiency

 ENERGY, HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES
INFRASTRUCTURE

STATEWIDE

Project Description

What does it take to really rebuild better? Education, incentives and skilled contractors on the ground.

Since 2009, Central Vermont Community Action Council and Efficiency Vermont have been coordinating Button Up, a popular series of statewide workshops targeted at homeowners looking to learn about thermal energy efficiency opportunities. Following Tropical Storm Irene, the team recognized the opportunity to tailor the program to those trying to reoccupy their flooded homes.

The team swiftly transformed the Button Up curriculum, adding information about mold remediation and choosing heating equipment. At workshops held in flood-affected areas around the state, homeowners got their “rebuilding with efficiency in mind” questions answered in detail.

Efficiency Vermont, meanwhile, developed flood-specific heating system incentives, as well as a whole new rapid response program. Rapid Assessment, a free service, brought qualified contractors in to do some air-sealing and provide valuable advice during the rebuilding process.

Lead Organization

CVCAC & Efficiency Vermont

Partner Organization(s)

Local Disaster Response Teams,
Energy Contractors

What's Next

The Button Up program is ongoing.



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