PROGRAM ACTIVITY REPORT

June - August 2026

PROGRAM STATS

Home Performance

In FY26, HPwES saved a total of 47,520 MMBTU, the equivalent of 660 Delawarean homes.

Center for Inland Bays

Over the next 20 years, trees planted by the Center through its partnership with Energize Delaware will sequester 4,380 metric tons of CO2.



After the Food Bank 198 kW solar array ribbon cutting[our staff volunteered at their facilities–We sorted and organized canned food donations–



OUR RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS

Home Energy Checkup and Counseling (HEC2)

Delmarva Power's Customer Relief Fund has expended all funds. The program credited 12,510 customers, distributing 4.5 million dollars directly to DPL customers. The Delaware Energy Fund is still ongoing which provides any Delawarean a $300 benefit as long as they participate in one of Energize Delaware's efficiency programs, HEC2 or Home Performance with Energy Star. Energize Delaware and DPL are working to hold a press event. Date is TBD.

Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® (HPwES)

ICF has fully taken over implementing the Home Performance with Energy Star program. There were some difficulties in the transition, but the teams worked diligently together to ensure that the program would remain successful, and the contractors in the program, could complete jobs without having a disruption in their businesses. The program implemented a new Limited Time Offer of a 25% bonus on top of the existing incentives. This LTO will run through the end of this calendar year.

Online Marketplace

Shop for Energy Saving Products at energizedelawaremarketplace.com

May

- Orders: 48
- Visits: 2,724
- EV Chargers sold: 4

June
- Orders: 60
- Visits: 2,614
- EV Chargers sold: 11

July
- Orders: 76
- Visits: 2,415
- EV Chargers sold: 4

August
- Orders: 77
- Visits: 2,585
- EV Chargers sold: 10

PROGRAM STATS

Residential Solar Loans

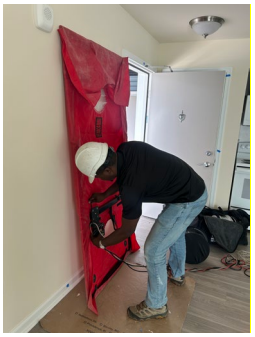
In FY26, we helped 235 Delawareans install solar on their homes, producing about 3.5 million kWh in clean energy every year.

Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE)

- Received 72 applications since May
- Completed and paid out all 17 applications
- Program has received 275 applications since the program began totaling $267,438 in incentives distributed
- 92 companies are listed for EV Installations and technical assistance

Climate Smart Homes

Sankofa: Official Completion and occupancy are pending permanent power connection which is needed for final testing. **HFH Renovations**: Progress is stalled due to other priorities. **HFH Bennett Point 3:** No updates to report. **Riverwalk:** Sitework continues with vertical construction to begin in late August.



Energy Rater through Affordable Multifamily Housing preparing for a blower door test at Mispillion Station II in Milford.

Residential Energy Efficiency Loan

Applications to Date	808	Approved Loans Totalling	$9,424,373.04
Rejected	140	Completed Projects	$9,321,296.94
Withdrawn	7	Construction Projects	$103,076.10
Projects Under Construction	8		

Residential Solar Loan

Applications to Date	1276	Approved Loans Totalling	$18,750,261.62
Rejected	55	Completed Projects	$17,720,055.66
Withdrawn	38	Construction Projects	$1,030,205.96
Projects Under Construction	45		

OUR COMMERCIAL PROGRAMS

Energy Assessments for Nonprofits

Completed Audits: 7 in June, 1 in July, and 4 in August. **Audits Scheduled:** 1 in September. **Audit Reports Delivered:** 6 in June. Clients receiving audits often participate in our Low-Interest Loan Program, EEIF for Non-Profits, Solar for Non-profits, and the DNREC EEIF programs.

Affordable Multifamily Housing

Incentives distributed: $150,665 in June and $190,345 in July. A total of $52,627 was invoiced for technical assistance in June and $49,297 in July. Audit reports were delivered completed for 2 projects: Greenlawn Group (Middletown) and Asher Rubin B'nai B'rith House (Claymont); an audit proposal has been prepared for Windsor Apartments (Wilmington).

Business Technical Assistance (BTA)

The BTA program closed engagements with: Temple Beth Emeth, a 25,000 SF house of worship, on a $65,000 HVAC replacement; People's Church of Dover, a 20,000 SF church, on a $200,000 boiler replacement; Waters TA, a 223,000 SF manufacturing facility, on a $274,000 partial replacement of RTUs; and Odyssey Charter School, a 53,000 SF school, on a $286,000 boiler replacement. They are currently engaged on a 42,629 SF office HVAC and LED replacement project and a 128,000 SF hotel PTAC replacement in 200 rooms project. Support services included estimating project energy savings impact to

satisfy energy conservation worksheet contents for multiple incentives and financing programs (utility incentives, Energize Delaware financing, and USDA grants).

DSHA Construction Loans

This partnership with DSHA offered new construction loans at 2% interest for developers of affordable multifamily housing. The loans encouraged higher energy performance than Delaware's energy code for projects awarded Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) and permanent financing from DSHA as part of the DSHA Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP). This program is now in the closeout phase with the final two projects converting to permanent financing later this calendar year.

Property	Loan Amount	Status
Diamond Court I	$400,000	Permanent financing – Oct/Nov 2026
Diamond Court II	$500,000	Permanent financing – Oct/Nov 2026

Low-Interest Commercial Loan

Since the last Program Activity Report, the Low-Interest Commercial Loan Program has received **(32) new loan applications** totaling more than **$20.2 million** in requested financing. The new applicants represent a diverse range of projects that reduce energy costs and improve building performance. The applications support energy efficiency, solar, new construction, and gut rehabilitation projects that advance energy savings and building improvements.

NEW LOAN APPLICANTS

- **10 Farmers**
- **12 Nonprofit Organizations**
- **10 Businesses**

While businesses represent about a third of the new applicants, their combined financing requests total approximately **$16.8 million**.

The program currently manages **61 active loans** across various stages of application, approval, closing, disbursement, and construction. Since the last reporting period, **7 additional projects** have been **completed** and transitioned into repayment, reflecting continued progress across the loan portfolio.

SUMMARY OF OUR LOAN PORTFOLIO (YEAR TO DATE):

LOAN STATUS	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
Application Phase	36	$20,556,512.20
Approved – Closing Pending	5	$7,033,650
Closed – Project Installation	20	$8,245,359.64

Moved to Repayment (YTD) Total	11	$7,148,291.42
Total Active Loans	61	$35,835,521.84

Rural Energy Advancement Grant Program (REAG)

The Rural Energy Advancement Grant (REAG) Program launched this year to expand access to energy improvements for **rural businesses** throughout Delaware. The grant is available exclusively to eligible rural businesses participating in the Energize Delaware Low-Interest Commercial Loan Program.

This program provides support to help rural businesses invest in energy improvements that help reduce long-term operating costs, improve efficiency, and strengthen their operations. Year to date, we have received **20 REAG applications, including 13 solar projects** and **7 energy efficiency projects**. 5 applicants have received award letters, while the remaining applications are in review.

Because REAG funding is directly linked to the Commercial Loan Program, grant awards and project completion are coordinated with each applicant's associated loan. **To date, $384,475 in REAG funding has been awarded to businesses in rural areas.**

OUR NONPROFIT AND PUBLIC PROGRAMS

Pathways to Green Ribbon Schools

So far in this program year, there are 10 schools enrolled in the program. Green Building United (GBU) and Energize Delaware are developing marketing materials, including the creation of a one-pager describing the various Energize Delaware programs available to schools. GBU continues to recruit new schools (with an emphasis on schools in Kent and Sussex Counties as well as private schools) and to work with the National Wildlife Federation on the Green Flag and Eco-Schools programs. The Fall Kickoff meeting will be held at Mt. Cuba on September 21, 2026.

EEIF for Nonprofits

In June, the program distributed $188,006 in incentives: Louis L. Redding ES, $121,680, HVAC, lighting, and kitchen equipment; Lutheran Senior Services of Dover, $8,870, LED installation; and UD Lammot DuPont Laboratory, $57,456, HVAC controls. Currently, we are working with the State of Delaware/OMB on 3 projects and the University of Delaware on 6 projects.

Challenge Electric Equipment for First Responders Grant

We disbursed a total of $108,741 for battery-operated rescue tools to date in FY 27: Bethany Beach Volunteer Fire Company, $58,103; and Claymont Fire Company, $50,638. We received 14 requests for battery-operated rescue tools for Delaware's Fire Companies. We have already provided rescue tools to 11 fire companies and the New Castle County Structural Collapse and Trench Rescue Team (operating out of the Claymont Fire Company).



Luana's been busy visiting participants of Solar for Nonprofits! Delaware Botanic Gardens installed a 38kW system.

Challenge for Nonprofits Solar

The Solar for Nonprofits Program continues to grow in popularity. To accommodate increased demand, Energize Delaware is developing an online application portal and has temporarily paused new applications. During this time, our team has visited completed projects at Delaware Botanic Gardens, Georgetown, Selbyville, Frankford, Bridgeville, and Harrington Public Libraries, as well as the Food Bank of Delaware in Milford, to see the program's impact firsthand.



Putting our new conference room to good use for the Home Performance Best Practices Working Group meeting.

Since the last PAR report**, 3 new projects** have been installed: **Goodwill of Delaware and Delaware County (388.22 kW), Asbury United Methodist Church (27.09 kW), and St. Philips Lutheran Church (31.68 kW)**. Currently, the program has 12 projects pending interconnection approval, and 12 total installed projects.



Goodwill of Delaware and Delaware County (388.22 kW)



Asbury United Methodist Church (27.09 kW)



St. Philips Lutheran Church (31.68 kW)

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Challenge for Higher Education

The University of Delaware reduced energy expenditure by 257,000 kWh annually by replacing 123 lab grade freezers with energy efficient models. They recently completed relighting the Bob Carpenter Center and the UD Creamery through the Challenge for Higher Education grant.

OUR FARM PROGRAM

We have contracted with EnSave to perform energy audits for farms, complete site visits and verify eligible rebate measures, complete post project verifications, and provide program marketing. Since the last PAR, the program has:

- enrolled 2 new farms in the Program
- initiated 2 comprehensive energy assessments
- completed 2 comprehensive energy assessments and 9 assessment report amendments
- sent Summaries of Opportunities (SOO) to 11 clients, and Summaries of Approved Measures (SAM) to 11 clients
- made incentive payments of $46,257 in June and $126,169 in July for the installation of various energy conservation measures

NATURE-BASED CLIMATE SOLUTIONS PROGRAMS

Center for Inland Bays

Procurement and preparations for fall mini forest plantings are underway. The Center recently completed taking representative coring samples across various salt marsh sites for long term monitoring. The bay grass restoration project continues habitat suitability monitoring across various sites. Thompson Island living shoreline operations are underway, with construction expected to start in late September.

Sacred Grounds

National Wildlife Federation has hosted several workshops for site preparation with the selected faith communities and has plantings scheduled throughout the fall.

PILOT OR LIMITED TIME PROGRAMS

Elyte Energy

Elyte Energy has established partnerships with Delaware based fuel cell vendors and designed a prototype unit for their Phase 3 hydrogen fuel cell commercialization project. They recently completed a summer internship program with 7 students.

NCC Habitat Water Heater & HVAC Replacement Partnership

23 Energy Efficient HVAC replacements and 18 Energy Efficient Water Heater replacements have been replaced by New Castle County Habitat for Humanity since July 1 totaling $384,811.