PROGRAM ACTIVITY REPORT

September - October 2026

PROGRAM STATS

Home Performance

Since July, 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 2,244 metric tons of CO2.



As part of Home Performance marketing efforts[our team joined ICF for video production day–







OUR RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS

Home Energy Checkup and Counseling (HEC2)

The Delaware Energy Fund is continuing to drive the program participation despite the expectation that participation would decrease due to the Delmarva Power Customer Relief Fund expending all funds. The program completed 2097 appointments in September and October. Energize Delaware and Delmarva Power are working on a press release announcing the success of the partnership between the Home Energy Checkup and Counseling program and the Customer Relief Fund.



World Environment Day Photo.

Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® (HPwES)

The program is running smoothly, and rebates are being processed on a consistent basis. Training was held for the contractors to learn the new Beacon Software for completing energy assessments. The 25 % Limited Time Offer bonus on incentives will end December 31st. The program will be holding their annual ALL-Hands contractor meeting at the beginning of calendar year 2027. The meeting will be held somewhere in Kent County.





Photo of Beacon Training & Fall Home Expo.

Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE)

- Received 37 applications in September and October
- Program has received 308 applications since the program began, totaling $312,634 in incentives distributed
- 92 companies are listed for EV Installations and technical assistance



Climate Smart Homes

- **Sankofa:** Final inspections are complete; certifications pending (Photo)
- **Habitat For Humanity (HFH) Renovations:** Interior framing and air sealing work progressed. Mechanical, Electrical & Plumbing Subcontractors were secured and completed plan walk-throughs.
- **Riverwalk:** Site work continues, expecting footing and foundations in the fall of 2026.
- **HFH Bennett Point III:** Framing continued with the all-volunteer crew.
- **HFH Carter/Lamotte:** Permit was issued; in review at New Ecology. (Photo)



Residential Energy Efficiency Loan

Applications to Date	804	Approved loans totaling	$ 9,839,245.76
Rejected	143	Completed Projects	$ 9,496,708.88
Withdrawn	6	Construction Projects	$ 334,075.08
Projects Under Construction	17		

Residential Solar Loan

Applications to Date	1321	Approved loans totaling	$ 19,869,120.81
Rejected	58	Completed Projects	$ 18,235,923.26
Withdrawn	40	Construction Projects	$ 1,633,197.55
Projects Under Construction	60		

Online Marketplace

Shop for Energy Saving Products at energizedelawaremarketplace.com

September	**October**
Orders: 92	Order: 78
Visits: 2,980	Visits: 2, 987

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.



Drew attended the Carper Collaborative on Climate and Jobs forum, which is grounded in the belief that durable environmental progress and economic growth move forward together.

OUR COMMERCIAL PROGRAMS



Energy Assessments for Nonprofits

Completed Audits: 4 in August, 2 in September, and 2 in October. **Audits Scheduled:** 2 in November. **Audit Reports Delivered:** 1 in August and 1 in September. Clients receiving audits often participate in our Low-Interest Loan Program, EEIF for Non-Profits, Solar for Non-Profits, and the DNREC EEIF programs. Photo of Delaware Veterans Post 2 Energy Audit in Dover.

Affordable Multifamily Housing

Incentives distributed: $190,345 in August, $501,500 in September, and $115,000 in October. A total of $33,681 was invoiced for technical assistance in August and $21,434 in September. Site visit reports were issued for Kirkwood Crossing Apartments (Wilmington) and Middletown Manor (Middletown) in August, and Sussex Green (Dover), 511/513/517 N. West Street (Dover), and 800-802 N. Adams Street (Wilmington) in September. A webinar, entitled “Increased Incentives and Technical Support for Affordable Housing: Is Your Next Project a Fit?”, was held on November 3rd with 49 people in attendance.

Business Technical Assistance (BTA)

The BTA program closed engagements with Temple Beth Emeth, a 25,000 SF house of worship, on two HVAC RTUs valued at $47,000, and Eden Hall, a 13,000 SF mixed use gut rehab, including new HVAC and lighting. They are currently engaged on various projects (HVAC, lighting, boiler replacements, and solar PV system installations) for a variety of building types (office, hotel, church, school, and commercial/retail). 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 **(15) new loan applications** totaling roughly **$4 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 Farms**
- **3 Nonprofit Organizations**
- **2 Businesses**

Many of our loans are referred through our Farm Program, which provides grants covering up to 75% of project costs, capped at $150,000. Applicants often pursue SEU loans to qualify for the Rural Energy Advancement Grant (REAG), which provides an additional 25% of the loan amount.

Of the total new loan requests, approximately **$3.5 million are for farm projects**, primarily focused on energy efficiency improvements.

Since the last PAR report, **10 additional projects have been completed and transitioned into repayment.** The program currently manages **66 active loans** across various stages of application, approval, closing, disbursement, and construction.

SUMMARY OF OUR LOAN PORTFOLIO (YEAR TO DATE):

LOAN STATUS	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
Application Phase	35	$15,948,786.83
Approved – Closing Pending	16	$15,109,037.00
Closed – Project Installation	15	$8,692,191.40

Moved to Repayment (YTD) Total	21	$9,142,870.06
Total Active Loans	66	$39,750,015.23

Rural Energy Advancement Grant Program (REAG)

This program supports rural businesses pursue energy improvements that reduce long-term operating costs, improve efficiency, and strengthen operations. The grant amount is determined by the loan amount approved through Energize Delaware. Year to date, we have received **34 REAG applications,** including 16 solar projects, 17 energy efficiency projects, and 1 new construction project. 7 applicants have received award letters, while the remaining applications are in review.

REAG grants are dependent on loan approval and completion of loan disbursements. **To date, $486,804.00 in REAG funding has been awarded to businesses in rural areas.**

OUR NONPROFIT AND PUBLIC PROGRAMS

Pathways to Green Ribbon Schools

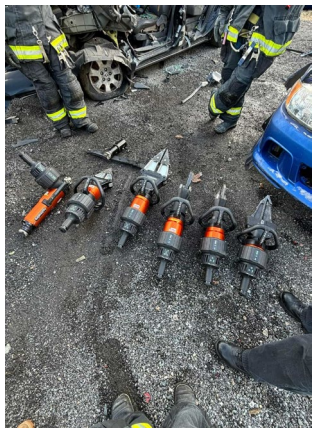


So far in this program year, there are 17 schools enrolled in the program. The Fall Kickoff meeting was held at Mt. Cuba on September 21, 2026.The Pathways mini grant application window closed on October 30th; 16 applications were received. In addition, there were 4 applications for the Schoolyard Habitat Grant (administered by the National Wildlife Federation). Our program partner, Green Building United (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. [Photo of Sussex Montessori School Energy Assessment.]

EEIF for Nonprofits

The program is currently working on the following projects (and the amount of incentives/rebates): Peoples Community Center (Dover), VRF heat pump system, $20,005; Guadalupe Mission Church (Frankford), air source heat pumps, $40,000; Luther Towers (Dover), RTUs, $9,000; Sussex County Family Court (Georgetown), lighting/HVAC/water heaters, $117,830; and the University of Delaware Boiler Room, lighting, $20,730. Currently, we are working with the State of Delaware/OMB on 2 projects and the University of Delaware on 6 projects.

Challenge Electric Equipment for First Responders Grant





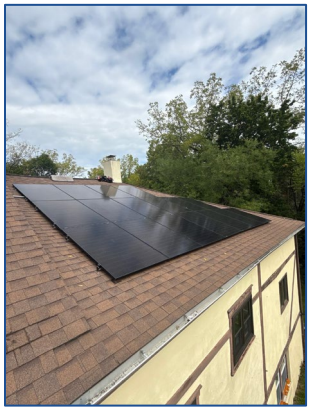
Since July, we have disbursed a total of $533,266 for battery-operated rescue tools for 12 companies: Aetna, Bethany Beach, Claymont, Cranston Heights, Dover, Ellendale, Five Points, Frankford, Good Will, Laurel, Leipsic, and South Bowers. Previously we already provided rescue tools to 11 fire companies and the New Castle County Structural Collapse and Trench Rescue Team (operating out of the Claymont Fire Company). To demonstrate how popular this grant is, we received an additional 21 requests for battery-operated rescue tools, mainly for the fire companies in Sussex County. Hockessin Fire Company Photos.

Challenge for Nonprofits Solar

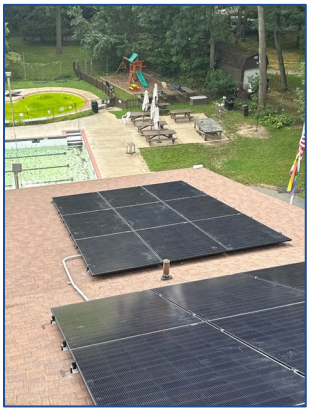
On October 19th, Energize Delaware launched the Solar for Nonprofits grant portal, streamlining application submissions, review, tracking, and disbursements. Previously managed entirely in-house, the program now benefits from additional application review support through our partnership with InClime. Since the launch, **6 applications are in progress**, with new applications being started each week.

Since the last PAR report**, 2 new projects** have been installed: **the Arden Club (29.25 kW)** and **Our Lady of Lourdes Church (46.56 kW)**. Currently, the program has 7 projects pending interconnection approval, 2 projects with installations underway, and 13 total installed projects.

Arden Club (29.25 kW)







Our Lady of Lourdes Church (46.56 kW)



Challenge for Higher Education

The University of Delaware's green freezer project, in which 123 inefficient freezers were replaced, was featured in UDaily on October 16. The UD Creamery held its grand reopening on September 25 after Energize Delaware funded its relighting.

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 15 farms in August and 12 farms in September
- initiated 6 comprehensive energy assessments in August and 7 in September
- completed 4 assessment report amendments in August and 1 in September
- sent Summaries of Opportunities (SOO) to 10 clients in August and 8 in September, and Summaries of Approved Measures (SAM) to 10 clients in August and 8 in September
- made incentive payments of $126,169 in August and $236,152 in September for the installation of various energy conservation measures. **And, $640,000 of incentive payments in November.**

NATURE-BASED CLIMATE SOLUTIONS PROGRAMS

Center for Inland Bays

The Center's newest project, the Thompson Island Living Shoreline, moved into construction this fall, with installation of more than 18,000 oyster castles beginning October 1 along roughly 850 linear feet of shoreline. Despite two nor'easters and the remnants of Hurricane Isaias, over 4,000 castles were installed by October 23. Bays to Backyards hosted its first Community Summit on September 12 with 73 attendees, and six communities received their "Bay-Friendly Community" seals. Reforestation planted its first fall mini-

forest in Bethany and held the Beyond Turf workshop on October 21. The widgeon grass nursery met all of its CY2026 success metrics, and salt marsh assessment field work is complete.



Oak Crest Farms has 11 nuclei-dense mini forests, each containing 126 plants, through the Center for Inland Bays that provide habitat to native species.









Kass, Fritzy, and Shweta attended the Biggs Museums' annual fundraiser. We were a Supporter level sponsor of $2,500.



Sacred Grounds

Sacred Grounds moved into the planting phase this fall. In September, National Wildlife Federation hosted a planting kick-off workshop at Mt. Salem UMC in Wilmington and led a field trip for about 15 Delaware River Watershed Forum participants. In October, volunteers installed gardens at four congregations across all three counties, planting 3,370 native plugs plus trees and shrubs, and a virtual Interfaith Panel drew 122 registrations, while recruitment for the fall 2027 cohort got underway with Pennsylvania Interfaith Power & Light.



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PILOT OR LIMITED TIME PROGRAMS

Elyte Energy

Elyte Energy acquired a 5kW fuel cell for its commercial hydrogen generator and met with a potential investor for the company. The team is designing energy storage for its home generator and finalizing the technical plans for the overall unit, as they continue building out the prototype.

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.

FY26 Energy Savings

Program Code	Program Name	Cash Flow	Annual Energy Savings (MMBTU)	Lifetime Cost Savings ($)	Lifetime GHG Savings (mt)
8606	State Fleet Vehicles	$ 182,995	804	$ 107,750	259
8609	Passive House	$ 165,145	86	$ 61,350	252
8612	Non-Profit EEIF Grant	$ 348,671	2,400	$ 1,139,687	4,682
8614	Center for Insland Bays	$ 107,385	-	$ -	2,244
8622	Farms	$ 1,219,710	3,530	$ 1,458,566	2,704
8650	Commercial Loans	$ 14,228,799	16,992	$ 11,944,974	46,358
8656	DEC SREC Prebuy	$ 111,202	3,534	$ 2,527,829	10,389
8657	C-PACE	$ 68,871	2,301	$ 1,066,246	4,372
8662	Affordable Multifamily	$ 1,476,028	2,307	$ 776,860	3,091
8663	Climate Smart Homes	$ 221,002	329	$ 235,100	966
8665	Residential Solar Loan	$ 4,124,876	11,900	$ 8,512,317	34,984
8670	HPwES	$ 10,505,541	160,655	$ 62,193,229	131,206
8673	HEC2	$ 4,455,212	4,230	$ 1,010,736	3,869
8677	Online Marketplace	$ 342,473	2,439	$ 804,765	2,918
8697	Challenge Nonprofit Solar	$ 3,339,299	3,632	$ 2,597,795	10,676
Total		**$ 40,897,208**	**215,137.39**	**$ 94,437,203**	**258,972**

*Commercial Loans and Affordable Multifamily report savings only on completed projects where disbursements occur during construction.

*HEC2 is a shared savings partnership where utilities receive a majority of the energy savings.