



CATEGORY: Community Sustainability

HEET - HOME ENERGY EFFICIENT TEAM

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Since August 2008, HEET has carried out fourteen weatherization barn-raising, including both homes and community centers. Three of the barn-raising have been done in partnership with the Cambridge Energy Smackdown. Between 30 and 90 volunteers have taken part in each event, learning and sharing skills that they can then use in their own homes and communities.
- HEET has received grants from the Massachusetts Climate Action Network, New England Grassroots Environment Fund, and Massachusetts Service Alliance to weatherize homes for low-income households and community centers serving low-income neighborhoods.
- Because many other cities and towns are interested in doing similar programs, HEET has received a grant from the Mass Service Alliance to offer weatherization barn-raising leadership trainings that include training in how to evaluate buildings, how to be a team leader, and how to publicize events.
- HEET helped to initiate a Cambridge Public Schools pilot project in which the Cambridgeport School receives 50% of energy efficiency savings for the school's budget.

ABOUT HEET

HEET is an outgrowth of Greenport, a Cambridgeport neighborhood environmental group. HEET was formed in the summer of 2008 with the mission of promoting a sustainable community and organizing cooperative community actions that promote climate stability, energy conservation, and carbon reductions. Its goals are to bring neighbors together to weatherize homes and other buildings, teach participants skills they can use to make their own homes more energy efficient, and build a sense of community.

The Massachusetts Climate Action Network (MCAN) gave HEET its Climate Superstar Award.



ABOUT THE GO GREEN AWARD

The City of Cambridge annually recognizes local businesses and organizations for outstanding practices in transportation, waste reduction and recycling, energy, stormwater management, climate protection, and community sustainability. The awardees make significant contributions to the reduction of the carbon footprint of Cambridge and to making the city more sustainable.