

Home Performance with ENERGY STAR®

North Country



Vivien Sharpe, a senior citizen living in Waddington, New York, is pleased as punch with her newly retrofitted home. She feels better, is more comfortable, and is paying less to heat and run her home.

Like many seniors, Mrs. Sharpe was paying high energy bills on a small fixed income. She applied to the Office for the Aging's Weatherization Referral and Packaging Program (WRAP), who in turn contacted North Country Energy Smart Communities. Mrs. Sharpe's income qualified her for Assisted Home Performance with ENERGY STAR, a program of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), which pays half the cost of approved energy efficiency measures up to a maximum grant of \$5,000.

A Building Performance Institute (BPI) Accredited Contractor conducted a Comprehensive Home Assessment and a work scope was agreed upon. Additional financial and material support came from the Ministry in the North Country Rural Rehab, CDP Ogdensburg Neighborhood Center Care and Share Program, St. Vincent De Paul, Catholic Charities, USDA-Rural Development, NYSERDA's EmPower New YorkSM Program, St. Lawrence Gas and Enbridge Services, and Windo-therm, LLC. Mrs. Sharpe paid the maximum required homeowner contribution of \$500.

Safety is a big part of the auditor's work. This home had elevated levels of CO from the hot water heater, which was replaced immediately. Mrs. Sharpe no longer suffers the painful headaches she had before.

Take advantage of the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Program today and you could reduce your annual energy bill by up to 40 percent.

To find a list of BPI Accredited Contractors near you and learn about the financing options available, visit www.GetEnergySmart.org or call toll-free **1-877-NY-SMART**.

"I am very happy with everything that was done for me. I deeply appreciate it."

Vivien Sharpe, homeowner

Annual Savings: \$688
Payback Period: 13.8 years
Project Cost: \$9,464
Cost to Homeowner: \$500
Improvements: ENERGY STAR furnace replacement, programmable thermostat, air sealing, interior storm windows, insulation and rim joist

