



Mission Statement

Revitalize Community Development Corporation's (Revitalize CDC) mission is "Revitalizing homes, neighborhoods & lives through preservation, education and community involvement." Revitalize CDC has identified the following goals:

1. Preserve homeownership and reduce the risk of homelessness;
2. Increase energy efficiency and overall health and safety of the house; and
3. Improve the quality of life, sense of community and civic pride for residents.

Revitalize CDC History

Revitalize CDC is a nonprofit corporation formed in 1992 as Rebuilding Together Springfield (RTS), an affiliate of Rebuilding Together, a nonprofit working to preserve affordable homeownership. In October 2014, the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development certified RTS as a Community Development Corporation; and RTS was renamed to Revitalize Community Development Corporation. Since 1992, Revitalize CDC has repaired more than 1,100 homes and nonprofits with the support of over 10,000 volunteers, investing approximately \$43 million in Springfield and \$700,000 in Holyoke. We believe in a safe, healthy, accessible and energy-efficient home for everyone. We leverage the investments of donors, grantors and volunteers to make significant home repairs that stabilize neighborhoods, strengthen the tax base, and allow veterans and elderly homeowners to "age in place." Revitalize CDC completes an average of 50 home repair projects annually.

Revitalize CDC Programs

Revitalize CDC performs critical repairs, modifications and rehabilitation on the homes of and nonprofit facilities serving low-income families with children, the elderly, military veterans and people with special needs in Hampden County focusing on the small cities of Springfield, Holyoke and Chicopee, Massachusetts. Revitalize CDC is the only nonprofit in Western Massachusetts that is performing free (versus 0% or low-interest loans) critical repairs for low-income homeowners.

Revitalize CDC programs include:

#GreenNFit Neighborhood Rebuild (#GreenNFit) is Revitalize CDC's strategic plan to work on community blocks and rebuild approximately 300 homes and clean up vacant lots, community gardens and parks over 10 years. The program began with a focus on Springfield's Old Hill Neighborhood and has impacted over 250 homes – almost 1,000 residents – with the help of more than 90 sponsors/collaborators and 10,000 volunteers. The program has grown to include Springfield's North End and neighborhoods in Holyoke and Chicopee. The scope of work includes: new roofs, converting heating systems from oil to natural gas, painting exteriors or changing to vinyl siding, installing energy-efficient windows and doors, solar panels, new low-flow water saving fixtures, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, masonry repairs, insulation, lead paint abatement, mold remediation, etc. #GreenNFit also helps to create community gardens and improve neighborhood playgrounds improved.

Doorway to an Accessible Safe & Healthy Home (DASHH) has three projects under its umbrella: Healthy Homes - improves housing conditions for adults and children with asthma and seniors with COPD with home repairs/modifications so families can safely remain in their home; COVID-19 Response Project to serve individuals impacted by COVID-19 by providing cleaning, personal hygiene, PPE and food; and Food & Nutrition Rx Delivery in conjunction with Baystate Health's BeHealthy Partnership to provide food and nutrition education for diabetic individuals throughout Hampden County, Massachusetts.

JoinedForces Military Veterans Services provides home repairs for veterans to make homes safe, healthy, accessible and energy-efficient, and provide referrals to other support services. This includes a HUD Veterans Housing Rehabilitation & Modification Pilot Program to provide repairs/modifications to 50+ veterans' homes throughout Massachusetts from 2019–2023.

Impact of the Community Investment Tax Credit

With the added capacity that the Community Investment Tax Credit provides, Revitalize CDC will be able to:

- Continue to implement the #GreenNFit strategy in Springfield, Holyoke and Chicopee;
- Provide Age-in-Place home modifications to older adults; and
- Improve the health and safety of homes identified to have asthma triggers, fall/trip hazards, inefficient heating/cooling systems and more.