



# Overview of CDBG

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# CDBG- Brief Primer

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

- Community Development Block Grants— Administered by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Allocated to local and state governments on a formula basis.
- Entitlement Communities are required to prepare and submit a **Consolidated Plan** that establishes goals for the use of CDBG funds. Most recent: **PY2015-PY2019**
- Projects **MUST** be consistent with broad national priorities for CDBG:
  - Activities that benefit low- and moderate-income people;
  - The prevention or elimination of slums or blight; or
  - Community development activities to address an urgent threat to health or safety.
- **Not less than 70% of CDBG funds must be used for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons.**



# Newburgh Community Development

- New Staff
- Realignment of CDBG Committee
- Voluntary Compliance Review following Audit- July 2015
- Uncommitted and Unspent monies- Goes AWAY

**THEREFORE:**

Repositioning Proposal



# Newburgh CDBG Goals

- Development without Displacement
- Enhance outreach and communications with the community
- Quality out-of-school time programs for youth
- Support of a climate that values diversity, rewards independence, nourishes creativity, and brings all of us together.
- *Recognized that successful community building takes time, particularly when trust has been seriously eroded over decades of miscommunication.*



# Newburgh CDBG Projects aim to:

- Control of blight
- Providing access to parkland, trails, and healthy activities in nature
- Positively reinvesting in our communities
- Building community gardens and access to healthy and locally grown food



# Ongoing Projects

## Parks

- Basketball Courts @ Delano Hitch: Contract underway
- Skatepark @ Delano Hitch: 2<sup>nd</sup> Bid opening tomorrow (11/20)
- Consolidated Iron Site: Finalized environmental testing by 12/31/2015
- Begin public participation/ planning Spring 2016 with Scenic Hudson, Clearwater, Groundwork Hudson Valley
- Downing Park/ Greenhouses: Remediation complete, site cleared, gardens begun

Mission: The Downing Park Greenhouse Project aims to build a pathway to urban agriculture in the City of Newburgh that is walkable and sustainable. Our goal is to educate, empower, and encourage Newburgh residents, especially youth, to participate in urban farming and healthy eating.

THE DOWNING PARK  
greenhouse  
project



# Ongoing Projects

## Homeowner Rehab/ Emergency Repairs

- Average \$8,000/ House, Capped at \$20,000 per house
- Three this year

## Business Loans/ Broadway Corridor/ Façade

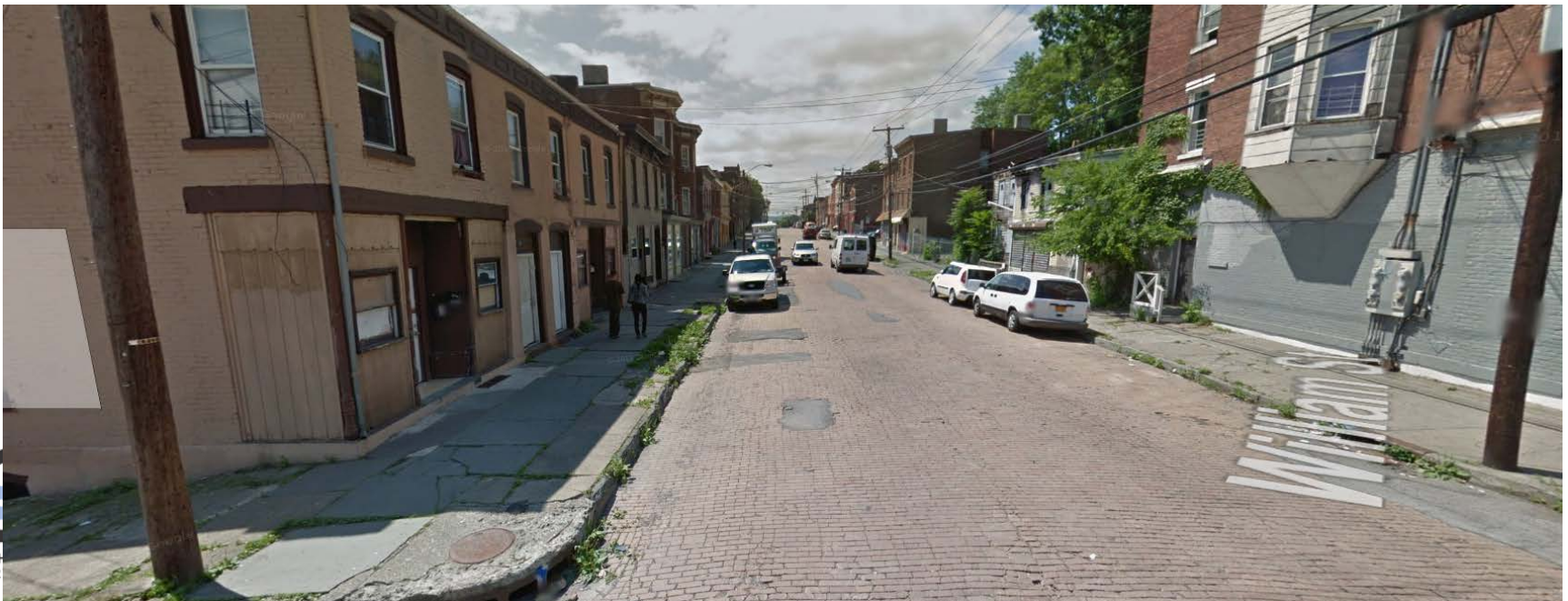
- Small business loans- First come first served
- Broadway Corridor: Partner with Central Hudson/ Safe Harbors/ Sustainable Orange & RPA/ Land Bank
- 3 facades this year: Looking at 2 more



# Ongoing Projects

## Infrastructure

- Demo of Dirty Dozen- Section 106 review
- Sidewalk plan for Landers/ William/ Liberty Streets
- Local-hire staff for:
  - In-rem stabilization
  - Sidewalk improvements
  - Code enforcement





# New Focus 2016

## Zoning update

- Encourage diversified housing
- Increase the number of QUALITY affordable units

## Home Rehab

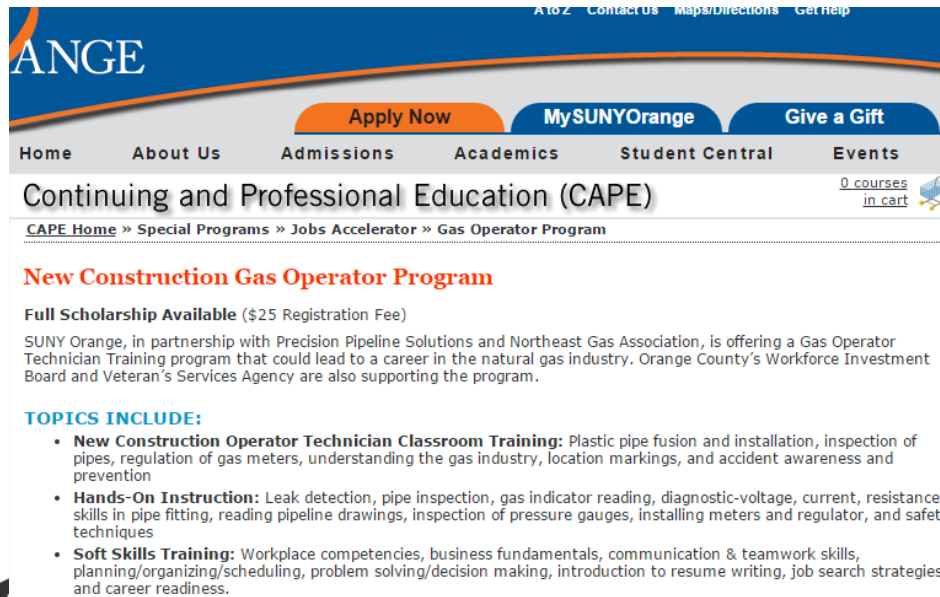
- Focus on emergency repairs
- Public campaign to target low to very-low communities, and Black and Hispanic communities



# New Focus 2016

## Workforce Development

- Continue to work of workforce development
- Build off of work of WDI
- Align workforce development with social service agencies to have continuum of care include employment
- ALIGN WITH CHILD CARE



The screenshot shows the SUNY Orange website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Home', 'About Us', 'Admissions', 'Academics', 'Student Central', and 'Events'. Below this, there are buttons for 'Apply Now', 'MySUNYOrange', and 'Give a Gift'. The main content area is titled 'Continuing and Professional Education (CAPE)' and features a sub-header for the 'New Construction Gas Operator Program'. A 'Full Scholarship Available' notice is present, along with a list of topics included in the program, such as 'New Construction Operator Technician Classroom Training', 'Hands-On Instruction', and 'Soft Skills Training'.

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### New Construction Gas Operator Program

**Full Scholarship Available** (\$25 Registration Fee)

SUNY Orange, in partnership with Precision Pipeline Solutions and Northeast Gas Association, is offering a Gas Operator Technician Training program that could lead to a career in the natural gas industry. Orange County's Workforce Investment Board and Veteran's Services Agency are also supporting the program.

**TOPICS INCLUDE:**

- **New Construction Operator Technician Classroom Training:** Plastic pipe fusion and installation, inspection of pipes, regulation of gas meters, understanding the gas industry, location markings, and accident awareness and prevention
- **Hands-On Instruction:** Leak detection, pipe inspection, gas indicator reading, diagnostic-voltage, current, resistance, skills in pipe fitting, reading pipeline drawings, inspection of pressure gauges, installing meters and regulator, and safety techniques
- **Soft Skills Training:** Workplace competencies, business fundamentals, communication & teamwork skills, planning/organizing/scheduling, problem solving/decision making, introduction to resume writing, job search strategies and career readiness.



# New Focus 2016

## Leverage Resources

- Target Census Tracts 4/ 5.01/ 5.02 to align with existing initiatives (COReStat)
- Increase number of QUALITY affordable units

## Publically Owned Land

- Marketing Campaign
- Increase in DPW/ Codes Employees
- Work-to-Own Program with Laborer's Local #17
- Collaboration with Land Bank

For Sale

Minimum Purchase Price\*:

**\$24,880\***

66 Carson Avenue  
Newburgh, New York

Attached brick row house in the Washington Heights area of Newburgh. Kitchen has been renovated. Other renovation work has been started. Most windows have been replaced. Needs roof repair and some interior work.

\* This is the minimum price. The City of Newburgh will also entertain other bids from qualified applicants. All interested purchasers must submit a PDDA (Private Owner Development Application). The application is available online ([www.cityofnewburgh.org](http://www.cityofnewburgh.org)) and at the City of Newburgh's Planning & Development Office, 63 Broadway, Newburgh, NY. For additional information call: (845)-569-7387 or (845)-569-9400.



En Venta

Precio Mnimo de Compra\*:

**\$67,640\***

7 Richman Avenue  
Newburgh, New York

Casa grande para una familia. 3 cuartos, 2 baos completos con un garaje separado para 2 vehculos. En un lote de terreno generoso de la ciudad, a poca distancia a pie de la escuela secundaria. Suelo de madera maciza, un baio renovado, chimenea de ladrillo y un sico amplio sin acabar. Se le dar preferencia a un comprador que vaya a ser propietario y ocupante.

\*Este es el precio mnimo. La ciudad de Newburgh tambin entretendr otras ofertas hechas por solicitantes calificados. Todos los compradores interesados deben presentar una PDDA (Aplicacin de Propietario Privado de Vivienda). La aplicacin est disponible en nuestra pgina de internet: [www.cityofnewburgh.org](http://www.cityofnewburgh.org) y en la Oficina de Planificacin y Desarrollo de la Ciudad de Newburgh, 63 Broadway, Newburgh, Nueva York. Para informacin adicional llame al: (845) 569-7387 o (845) 569-9400.



For Sale

Minimum Purchase Price\*:

**\$27,575\***

15 Liberty Street  
Newburgh, New York

Semi-attached brick row house has a large first floor retail area and two spacious apartments on the second and third floors. The apartments have been updated but still need some repair. First floor retail space has been gutted. This building has such potential for the right buyer.

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# New Focus 2016

## Future Development

- Encourage local hiring in Construction: Section 3
- Promote small business development: new/ existing businesses
- Align other CDBG programs to provide jobs/ job training:
  - Greenhouse program
  - Façade program
  - Housing rehab program
  - YMCA training programs

