

RESTORING HOMES & PARKS

Paterson Habitat for Humanity | Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit

What is the NRTC?

The Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit (**NRTC**) is designed for companies that pay state tax in NJ. It provides these businesses with an opportunity to support non-profit organizations in lieu of paying a portion of their tax bill.

Removal of Blight



Restoring Homes



Invest in Paterson

Paterson Habitat is seeking support for its 2018 Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit project. The proposed project furthers the goals of Paterson Habitat's state-approved community plan called *Building Pride in the Northside*.

If approved and fully funded, PHFH will:

• Invest in Affordable Housing:

Rehabilitate and upgrade 5 existing affordable housing units in a neighborhood with a current homeownership rate of roughly 15% -- less than a quarter of state levels -- and ensure the 3 properties (of the 5) in FEMA-designated flood zones meet appropriate flood resilience standards.

• Enhance Community Recreational Space:

Demolish a blighted, former Head Start building that has become a neighborhood nuisance and create new public green space, including a playground for neighborhood children. In a neighborhood with the majority of the population under the age of 18, quality recreational and green space is desperately needed.

The 2018 project plan continues and extends Paterson Habitat's 30 year mission of helping families on a path toward stability, self-reliance and strength. Shelter is a crucial element of neighborhood stabilization because as homeownership reaches critical density, a strong community often develops.

Timeline

Paterson Habitat submitted a project proposal in the Fall of 2017. The 2018 eligible pool will be made public in **mid-November** and participating companies must choose their preferred projects by **mid-December**. Companies must fund their chosen projects by year-end.



Building Pride in the Northside

In 2010, PHFH developed a plan for the Northside neighborhood (1st Ward) of Paterson. The effort was based on a yearlong planning process that included significant community input and engagement.

The plan, called **Building Pride in the Northside**, lays out several outcomes that residents desire including:

1. Improved access to safe, affordable, quality housing.
2. Increased economic development efforts that focus on job opportunities.
3. Increased green and recreational space.
4. Improved safety and quality of life.
5. Improved education and training options for young people.

What's Next?

1. Determine your current NJ Corporate Tax liability.
2. Inform Paterson Habitat how much you will invest of your eligible NJ tax payments toward Paterson Habitat for Humanity projects.
3. Be ready to submit the one-page application to the DCA the minute the investors' pool opens!

About the NRTC Program

The NRTC program is administered by the NJ Division of Community Affairs (DCA). The program has constraints on the types of projects that are approved each year. Specifically, the DCA mandates that:

1. A project must be at least 60% (by dollar value) geared to housing and/or economic development.
2. Interested nonprofits submit a project proposal each year. The DCA reviews each project and if a project is accepted, it enters the qualified project pool.
3. The maximum funding for any nonprofit in a funding year is \$1M.
4. The NRTC investment pool is capped at \$10M per annum. There are usually about 20 nonprofits competing for funds.
5. Companies submit an easy one-page application in order to participate in the program and select their nonprofit of choice.

Paterson Habitat is seeking companies who will select *Restoring Homes and Parks for Residents* as their first funding choice. However, we also suggest that companies choose one or two alternates in the event that the Paterson Habitat project is fully funded.

It is critical to point out that companies are accepted as an NRTC investor on a very competitive first come basis. The pool is generally fully subscribed within a week of opening date of submissions.

More detailed information is available on the DCA website

www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dhcr/offices/nrtc.html

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