

OPEN HOUSE

ecoREM0D:

The Energy House



Join LEAP and the City of Charlottesville for a community Open House. Check out what's been going on inside this formerly neglected home at the corner of Ridge and Elliott.

Light refreshments and tours of the house will be provided.

Thursday, May 12 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at 608 Ridge Street, Charlottesville

Making an Old House NEW

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The Ultimate Recycling Project

In a town dotted with historic landmarks, including Thomas Jefferson's own Monticello, living in an older home can be a source of pride. But it can also have drawbacks: lots of cracks and leaks for air to move through, older heating and cooling equipment, single pane windows and insulation which - if present at all - is likely substandard. In other words, uncomfortable rooms and high energy bills may also come with the historic home.

Whether you live in a house deemed "historic" in nature, a house situated in a designated "historic neighborhood," or just simply an older home, there are key energy and water efficiency upgrades that will improve the comfort and affordability of your home without compromising its unique character.



leap IS OFFERING ANOTHER FREE, PUBLIC WORKSHOP!

How to Make an Old House New with Energy Efficiency

Hear from local experts about ways to integrate energy efficiency improvements in older and historic homes.

Wednesday, May 18 from 5:30 to 7:00 PM at ecoREM0D (608 Ridge Street, Charlottesville)

rsvp at www.leap-va.org/historicworkshop or email annie@leap-va.org

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The Local Energy Alliance Program (LEAP) has opened its office in ecoREM0D: The Energy House and, together with the City, invites the community to an Open House on May 12 (see page left).

LEAP offers ongoing workshops at the house, including "How to Make an Old House New with Energy Efficiency" on May 18.

Learn more at www.leap-va.org/ecoREM0D



ecoREM0D Highlights

- Replaced or removed, weatherized, and reinstalled most of the windows
- Refurbished and reused doors around the house (including one as a desk)
- Added insulation where there was none and dramatically improved what was there
- Reused old trim and kept original floors
- Upgraded the heating and cooling systems with high efficiency heat pump and installed a combination dehumidifier and heat recovery ventilator
- Installed a cistern under the porch, which will harvest rainwater from the gutters to be used in landscaping
- Replaced lighting and plumbing fixtures with energy efficient and low-flow varieties
- Sourced soapstone locally for kitchen counters
- Installed two solar systems on the roof, one which produces electricity and one that provides hot water.

