



# BALTIMORE ENERGY CHALLENGE

## WHO ARE WE?

In 2009, the Baltimore Office of Sustainability, in partnership with the Baltimore Community Foundation, launched the Baltimore Energy Challenge (BEC). The program has worked with community groups, neighborhood volunteers, and city residents to spread knowledge, resources, and motivation to help our communities save energy and money.

During our nine month pilot in eight neighborhoods across the city, resources and behavioral tips were provided that helped communities reduce their utility bills by as much as 12.8%! Since then, we have expanded into 20 additional neighborhoods, communities of faith, schools and citywide events.

## WHAT IS AN ENERGY HUB?

In 2012, BEC has partnered with Baltimore City Public Schools to reach students, staff, parents and neighbors about energy conservation. These “Energy Hub Schools” will be assigned a BEC AmeriCorps Vista staff helper for one year, get special access to materials to make their school more energy efficient, and will also receive \$1000 to be used for energy conservation awareness activities.

### WHAT ARE WE OFFERING YOU?

- Free Energy Savers Kit to help you lower your energy use and utility bills!
- Fun and engaging activities to spread the word about the program and its benefits.
- Access to information, programming, demonstrations, and trainings.

### WHAT DO WE WANT FROM YOU?

- Sign a public pledge to take action in your home and school to reduce energy.
- Allow us access to energy use information about your home.
- Have FUN saving energy!
- Share what you’re doing with your neighbors!

## GET INVOLVED!

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