

N. Town of Red Hook – St. Margaret’s Home Roof Stabilization (W376)

October 22, 2009

- Grantee:** Town of Red Hook (the “Town”)
- ESD Investment:** A grant of up to \$90,000 to be used for the cost of roof stabilization.
- Project Location:** 7260 South Broadway, Red Hook, Dutchess County
- NYS Empire Zone (or equivalent):** N/A
- Project Completion:** June 2009
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Project Description:

Background

The Town of Red Hook was established in 1813 when it split from the Town of Rhinebeck. Located at the northwest corner of Dutchess County and bounded by the Hudson River on the west, the Town has had a primarily agricultural history. With a population of approximately 10,000, the Town contains two incorporated villages and three hamlets.

St. Margaret’s Home (the “Home”), located at 7260 South Broadway, is a two-story brick and brownstone building at the southern gateway to the Village of Red Hook. Built in 1853 by Margaret Armstrong Astor and her husband William Backhouse Astor, the Home provided housing and instruction in the domestic arts for girls up to the age of 16. After the home closed in 1930, it became a private residence and then a group home, which closed in 1990. The building has been acquired by the Town of Red Hook, which plans to use it for community and arts programs. The building was placed on both the State and National Registers of Historic Places in 2006.

The Project

For the past several decades, St. Margaret’s Home suffered from neglect. Water from the leaking main roof had caused damage to the interior second-story ceilings, threatening the entire structure, and the roof of the three-sided wrap-around porch was in similarly poor condition. This project removed and restored the roof to its original specifications, including the removal and disposal of existing main and porch roofs, framing repair and sheathing, disposal of debris, and installation of long-lasting weatherproof surfaces.

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Upon completion of the project, the Grantee will furnish a final report describing the impact and effectiveness of the project.

Financing Uses	Amount	Financing Sources	Amount	Percent
Roof Stabilization	\$90,000	ESD Grant	\$90,000	100%
Total Project Costs	\$90,000	Total Project Financing	\$90,000	100%

Environmental Review:

ESD staff has determined that the project constitutes a Type II action as defined by the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and the implementing regulations for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. No further environmental review is required in connection with the project.

Due to the building's listing on the State and National Registers of Historic Places, ESD will ensure that consultation is completed with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation pursuant to the requirements of Section 14.09 of the of the New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law.

Statutory Basis – Community Capital Assistance Program:

The project is authorized in accordance with Chapter 84 of the Laws of 2002 and reappropriated in the 2009-2010 New York State budget.

Disclosure and Accountability Certifications:

The Grantee has provided ESDC with the required Disclosure and Accountability Certifications. The Grantee’s certifications indicate that the Grantee has no conflict of interest or good standing violations and, therefore, staff recommends that the Corporation authorize the grant to the Grantee as described in these materials.