

Green Jobs/Green New York Act (photo by Barbara Roux from the 2008 Environmental photo Contest)

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The Green Jobs/Green New York Act, was signed into law establishing a program that will create green jobs and stimulate investment in weatherization and energy efficiency improvements for residential and commercial buildings. The program will be implemented by NYSERDA in the Spring of 2010 and will establish a revolving loan program to provide up to \$13,000 for residential homes and \$26,000 for businesses to weatherize homes, businesses and not-for-profits for increased energy efficiency .

NYSERDA will use a portion of \$112 million from the auction of carbon emission credits through the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) for the seed money that will be used to leverage private investment funds. Its goal is to make 1,000,000 homes, businesses, and not-for-profits in New York more energy efficient while creating thousands of new green jobs and training the workers to fill them by. To register for future program announcements or for more information on the program you can visit http://www.nyserda.org/GreenNY/

To find the State's local training programs and green job opportunities visit http://www.greencareersny.com

This program is just one step to renewing revitalizing and rejuvenating our economy and safeguarding our environment.