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## Energy-Efficient Rehab Reborn in Baltimore

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**BALTIMORE** Working under HUD's Partnership for Advancing Technology in Housing (PATH), Connecticut-based building systems consulting firm Steven Winter Associates (SWA) assisted the Chesapeake Habitat for Humanity in transforming a previously vacant rowhouse into an energy-efficient home for one of Baltimore's newest homeowners.



"You can feel the warmth in this house," quipped Carlos Martin of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Policy Development and Research at the recent ribbon-cutting, gesturing both to the new homeowners and to the low-e windows installed as part of the renovation project.

The project is one more addition to a growing list of PATH collaborations with Habitat for Humanity with technical assistance from SWA, to implement advanced building technology in an affordable home format. The house includes such PATH technologies as a compact HVAC system and high efficiency furnace; an optimum valued engineered design; and low-e windows, all of which contribute to energy conservation.



SWA provided technical guidance, performance modeling, and assisted in specifying materials and equipment in the reborn row house. SWA worked closely with Chesapeake Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit housing organization that works in partnership with people in need to build simple, decent homes, selling them at no profit through a no-interest loan.



SWA is an active participant in HUD's PATH program, a voluntary initiative that seeks to accelerate the creation and widespread use of advanced technologies to radically improve the quality, durability, environmental performance, energy efficiency, and affordability of our nation's housing. SWA is currently working on more than a dozen PATH demonstration projects around the country.

*Steven Winter Associates is an architecture, engineering, and building systems research firm with offices in Norwalk, CT and Washington, DC. The firm specializes in energy performance analysis, sustainable materials specification, indoor air quality, accessibility, technology transfer, and event management. Information on this and related projects is available on the SWA website at [www.swinter.com](http://www.swinter.com).*

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