

Green Retrofitting Today's Homes for Tomorrow!



Panel Discussion Tuesday, January 26, 2010

Historic Saint Paul convened a panel discussion of construction, environmental, and preservation professionals to explore the opportunities and challenges of implementing green retrofitting strategies in Saint Paul's traditional building stock. The event will be cablecast in partnership with SPNN over Saint Paul's public access television.

Panelists:

Erin Hanafin Berg

Preservation Alliance of Minnesota and the National Trust for Historic Preservation

Jimmie Sparks

Neighborhood Energy Connection

Philip Waugh

Collaborative Design Group

Billy Weber

Center for Sustainable Building Research

Mike Williams

Minnesota GreenStar



Workshop #1 Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Jimmie Sparks, of Neighborhood Energy Connection presented Excel Energy's overview of strategies to improve the energy efficiency and comfort of existing homes. Topics covered included how to address energy wasters, such as: drafty windows, insufficient insulation, humidity problems, inefficient appliances, and poor ventilation.

Workshop #2 Thursday, December 3, 2009

Michael Williams of Minnesota GreenStar presented an overview of their green building standards and certification program which promotes healthy, durable, high performance construction practices in new AND existing homes. The Minnesota GreenStar certification program takes a whole-systems approach, applying the key concepts of green building programs to components of the traditional building process.

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