

Promoting Healthier Homes and Sustainable Living in Waterloo Region

Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc. is proud to be a partner of the Residential Energy Efficiency Project (REEP), a local non-profit organization working towards healthier homes and sustainable living. REEP provides a number of environmental services throughout Waterloo Region including the ecoENERGY evaluation for homes.

Waterloo North Hydro is also a supporting partner of REEP.

these in-depth home energy evaluations which take approximately two to three hours.

REEP also provides the following programs within the Kitchener-Wilmot community:

- Solar Assessment: A service to determine a home's solar energy potential
- Greening Sacred Spaces: Energy audits faith buildings
- Well Aware: Free assessments of domestic well systems

over 7,014 tonnes of CO2 emissions per year through home energy retrofits. A total of \$3,095,026 in grants have been received by area residents.

REEP was founded in 1999 to be a local delivery agent for the federal government's EnerGuide for Houses home energy evaluations (now called ecoENERGY). The organization's founding was a joint initiative of the University of Waterloo's Faculty of Environmental

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"Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro has been involved with REEP for more than five years," said Jerry Van Ooteghem, President and CEO. "We've provided a yearly grant of \$25,000 to support the good work of the organization whose focus is residential audits for homeowners."

Homeowners are eligible to receive significant grants through the ecoENERGY program. REEP's nationally-certified experts provide

- Public Education: Presentations and events in our community on energy conservation and sustainable living

REEP has assessed the energy efficiency of over 9,000 homes in Waterloo Region - that's over 10% of the Region's eligible housing stock of houses 20 years or older. Customers who have followed REEP's energy-saving recommendations have collectively reduced

Studies and the Elora Centre for Environmental Excellence. In late 2005, REEP incorporated as Waterloo Region Green Solutions, a community-based non-profit environmental organization funded by a combination of local partners, provincial contracts, grants and client fees. ■