



About Us

ReBuildATL is a multi-stakeholder coalition pioneering a community-led and equity-centered approach to deconstruction and reuse. By placing Atlanta's legacy communities at the forefront of decision-making, we recirculate valuable resources, reduce waste, and foster sustainable economic development, all while preserving historic fabric and neighborhood identity.

Our coalition unites nonprofit, academic, government, and industry partners with grassroots leadership to blend technological innovation with lived experience.

Our programs shift from the old take-make-waste model to a circular, restorative approach. We help communities build resilience while protecting our planet's precious materials for future generations.

Mission: ReSuRGE

Following Atlanta's motto - *Resurgens*, Latin for "rising again" - ReBuildATL supports the city's legacy communities to **Re-SuRGE** - Re-Build a Sustainable, Resilient, Green Economy - through community-driven and community-serving deconstruction and reconstruction.

Vision

We envision a future where Atlanta's legacy neighborhoods receive the investments and support they need to thrive as models of community-led sustainability: where residents shape their own economies, preserve cultural and historic assets, and benefit from equitable green development.

Sample Project Areas

- Community Workforce Development
- Circular Resource Management
- Energy-Efficient Housing
- Community Resilience Hubs

Our Values

1. Community Impact

Provide resources to Atlanta's historically marginalized communities and support them in shaping their own lives, economies, and futures.

2. Local History, Assets & Knowledge

Acknowledge and build on legacy residents' expertise and strengthen intergenerational teaching and learning.

3. Network & Organizational Impact

Increase member organizations' capacity and strengthen our own relationships and our collective ability to do our work.

4. Accountability

Establish non-hierarchical principles for collaboration and keep ourselves and each other accountable, as individuals and organizations.

Collaborative Ecosystem and Partnerships

Nonprofits provide skills training, career development support and high-impact projects in underinvested communities.

Creating regenerative and local economies through innovative systems which preserve and reuse valuable resources.



Improving housing affordability through energy-efficiency retrofits, weatherization and small-scale housing development.

Community-based hubs provide safety, resources and connection to strengthen neighborhoods before, during and after disruptions.

Network Capacities, Capabilities & Connections

- Energy Burden Reduction
- Home Repair and Upgrades
- Climate Resilience and Adaptation
- STEM Education
- Weatherization
- Urban Agriculture
- Green Infrastructure
- Decarbonization and Electrification
- Clean Energy Workforce Development
- Water Pollution

Other Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities held by Core Members

- Community Organizing and Mobilizing.
- Experience developing and participating in prominent leadership development programs and strategic partnerships.
- Leadership/membership in local, regional, national, and global advisory boards and networks.
- Thought leadership at the intersection of justice, health, environment, energy, and climate.
- Expertise in cross-sectoral and community-based facilitation.
- Facilitate partnerships between community-based organizations and researchers related to the areas of expertise listed above.
- Engaging multigenerational and multicultural networks.
- Hyper-local community knowledge and expertise.

Get Involved & Be Part of the Effort

Join Atlanta's network of organizations and community leaders working to advance sustainability, equity, and resilience. Connect with our core members to learn, collaborate, and make a real impact in the city.

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ReBuildATL Signature Initiatives

Breaking Barriers through Deconstruction

Lead Organization: Lifecycle Building Center (LBC)

Project Supporters: Atlanta Sustainability Ambassadors, Ayika Solutions Inc, Black Sustainability Inc, Center for Sustainable Communities, Georgia Tech SCoRE, Regen Community Advisory, Southface, West Atlanta Watershed Alliance.

Project Description: Breaking Barriers provides vocational training in deconstruction and construction, including home repairs, weatherization and energy-efficiency improvements for low-income seniors.

Beneficiaries: 1) Underserved adults facing employment barriers such as education limitations, incarceration history, and discrimination. 2) Westside Atlanta seniors with restricted income and high home energy costs.

Learn More:

- www.lifecyclebuildingcenter.org/rebuildatl
- vimeo.com/832914520

Results (per cohort):

Participants: 20 individuals trained and connected to employment opportunities, receiving OSHA 10 certification, financial literacy training, and career counseling.

Community impact: 10 senior homes improved and ~100,000 pounds of material saved/reused.

Cost: \$11,800 per training participant / \$236,000 per cohort.

Long-Term Impact:

- Supports economic mobility for individuals in marginalized communities by creating family-sustaining career pathways.
- Revitalizes under-resourced communities by enabling vulnerable seniors to age in place and reduce their energy burden.
- Accelerates Atlanta's circular economy by expanding the reuse of construction materials.



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Atlanta CREW (Culture. Resilience. Environment. Workforce.)

Lead Organization: West Atlanta Watershed Alliance (WAWA).

Project Supporters: Ayika Solutions Inc., Southface, Partnership for Southern Equity.

Project Description: Atlanta CREW intends to provide hands-on green infrastructure (GI) training for up to 30 participants each year in the City of Atlanta. As part of the training, participants will support the installation and maintenance of green infrastructure projects in the watershed, gaining hands-on experience in various green infrastructure practices.

Beneficiaries: Residents in Northwest and Southwest Atlanta facing barriers to employment.

Learn More:

- [Past programming: One-Pager](#)
- [Photos from the 2025 summer youth program](#)
- [Building Sustainable, Resilient Neighborhoods and Communities](#)
- [Atlanta CREW | Southface Story](#)

Results (per cohort): Participants to be trained in green infrastructure installation and operations and maintenance (O&M) amongst other related course offerings, with up to 15 individuals per cohort (2) per year. Participants will receive a stipend for their involvement.

Cost: \$5,680 per participant / \$85,200 per cohort.

Long-Term Impact:

- Development of a skilled local workforce to support circular economy jobs and strengthen regional expertise.
- Reduce un/underemployment with living wage jobs, empowering communities.
- Improve water quality, mitigate urban flooding and resulting displacement as well as safety issues within the watershed.



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Sustainable Communities Summer Internship Program

Lead Organization: Georgia Tech Center for Sustainable Communities Research and Education (SCoRE),

Project Supporters: Georgia Tech Office of Community-Based Learning and our internship partner hosts across Greater Atlanta and the Southeast.

Project Description: This internship program provides community-based, nonprofit, and local government partners in Atlanta and the Southeast with college student interns to support their work creating sustainable communities. Interns work full- or part-time all summer and participate in a weekly seminar program focused on social innovation, equity, and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Beneficiaries: The majority of internship partners are grassroots community based organizations. Interns are paid a substantial living stipend by Georgia Tech, which means the partners get the interns at no or little cost to them. Students gain both real-world and classroom experience related to sustainability and community engagement.

Results (per cohort): Approximately 30 students intern each summer with between 25 and 30 partners.

Cost: \$10,000 per full-time intern (\$5,000 for part-time). Limited income and first-generation college students are eligible to receive an additional stipend of \$3,000.

Long-Term Impact:

- Partners represent next-generation thinking in community-led sustainable solutions, from air and water quality to food systems to STEM education.
- The program educates students with technical skills in essential relationship building and community engagement.

Learn More:

- scre.research.gatech.edu/sustainable-communities-summer-internship-program



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Global Workforce Academy

Lead Organization: Black Sustainability, Inc. (BSI)

Project Supporters: Ayika Solutions Inc., Lifecycle Building Center, MRSW (Managing Resources and Services in the Workplace), and NCCER (The National Center for Construction Education and Research).

Project Description: Provides certifications and training in green construction and clean energy to create family-sustaining career pathways for a skilled, sustainable workforce.

Beneficiaries: Underrepresented residents facing employment barriers and seeking high-demand green careers.

Learn More:

- [Global Workforce Academy Program Slides](#)
- www.blacksustainability.org/initiatives
- [Additional Programming: Quarterly GPRO Certification](#)

Results (per cohort): Participants receive NCCER certifications, OSHA 10 safety certification, and job placement assistance in fields like solar, electrical, HVAC, plumbing, general carpentry, and sustainable construction. Up to 20 participants per cohort.

Cost: \$6,550 per participant (employer sponsored).

Long-Term Impact:

- Reduces environmental burden and energy costs for low-income residents through weatherization and clean energy skill application.
- Increases parity in the clean energy workforce, addressing historical underrepresentation (currently, Black workers represent approx. 8% of the clean energy workforce).
- Aligns with City of Atlanta goals for a "City Built for the Future" and 100% clean energy.





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Home Energy Renovation (HER)

Lead Organization: WERiSE (Weatherize Every Residence in the South East), a project of The People's Justice Council.

Project Supporters: ReBuildATL Coalition, local community organizations, and churches in participating neighborhoods; WERiSE Trainers; additional regional supporters as identified per community.

Project Description: Provides certifications and training in green construction and clean energy to create family-sustaining career pathways for a skilled, sustainable workforce.

Beneficiaries: Community members Metro Atlanta (as part of a greater initiative across the Southeastern U.S.) seeking skills in home energy renovation and potential employment in this field.

Learn More:

- www.thepeoplejusticecouncil.org/werise
- [WERiSE Intro](#)
- [WERiSE with Stephen Guesman](#)

Results (per cohort): Participants engage in a half-day Clinic on home energy efficiency, with opportunities for deeper training and leadership roles. Trainees include 2–6 community members per workshop, with 1–2 Crew Leaders trained to continue local HER projects. Up to 30 participants per cohort.

Cost: Currently covered by a NASEM grant (National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine)

Long-Term Impact:

- Builds economic mobility by creating paid opportunities in home energy renovation for community members.
- Strengthens community resilience by helping households reduce energy costs and improve home conditions.
- Establishes self-sustaining local HER programs, empowering communities to continue renovations independently.