

# **NYC GREEN PATHWAYS OUT OF POVERTY (GPOP) TEAM**

Established 2008

## **Mission:**

The GPOP Team seeks to promote economic and environmental justice by creating green collar jobs that improve the economy, mitigate climate change, conserve the environment, increase community empowerment, and improve public health with a particular aim for individuals in poverty and those who face the greatest barriers to employment.

## **To fulfill this mission, we seek to:**

- Expand job training and career opportunities, for individuals in poverty and those who face the greatest barriers to employment, in green collar sectors that increase energy efficiency, conserve the environment, improve public health, and mitigate climate change.
- Develop, for individuals presently living in poverty, upwardly mobile "green ladder" career opportunities toward economic security and independence.
- Establish a community-based network of partners committed to creating green pathways out of poverty, sustained community empowerment and environmental revitalization.
- Transform communities whereby economic and community development projects, including land use, policy, and funding decisions, equally value and weight economic vitality, environmental quality, public health, and equality, such that these values are held in balance and considered in context to one another.
- Raise awareness of the environmental dimensions of poverty.
- Increase support for policies that alleviate the environmental, economic, and public health harms that disproportionately affect low-income neighborhoods in New York City.

## **Goals:**

1. To explore public and private funding opportunities to implement a new "Green Pathways" out of poverty program.
2. To demonstrate successful outcomes as a leading model Green Jobs Implementation Team targeted to individuals in poverty.
3. To advocate for and achieve City & State policy change to expand opportunities for people in poverty to access job training and career advancement programs in green collar industries.
4. To advocate for city and state government directed initiatives that provide financial, real estate, tax, worker training, or contractual incentives to local, regional, national, or international companies and businesses that set-up, incubate, develop or expand green related industries both within New York City and throughout the state.

## **Members:**

- Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies (FPWA) – [www.fpwa.org](http://www.fpwa.org)
- Phipps Community Development Corporation – [www.phippsny.org](http://www.phippsny.org)
- STRIVE New York – [www.strivenewyork.org](http://www.strivenewyork.org)
- Bronx Educational Opportunity Center (EOC): <http://brx.eoc.suny.edu/>
- New York Industrial Retention Network (NYIRN) – [www.nyirn.org](http://www.nyirn.org)
- UPROSE – [www.uprose.org](http://www.uprose.org)
- The HOPE Program – [www.thehopeprogram.org](http://www.thehopeprogram.org)
- Consortium for Worker Education (CWE) – [www.cwe.org](http://www.cwe.org)
- South Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation (SoBRO) – [www.sobro.org](http://www.sobro.org)

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