EQUITY AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING + WORKFORCE ECONOMY AND PROSPERITY

HOW CAN RECLAIMED MATERIALS BE A PART OF A SOLUTION TO EQUITY THEFT EXPERIENCED BY HOMEOWNERS?

In an Earth-Centered Design workshop, community partners created a **visualization** of what a homeowner's experience could look like when they engage with a service that helps them make critical repairs to their home using reclaimed materials with the implementation from trainees from the Deconstruction Workforce program.

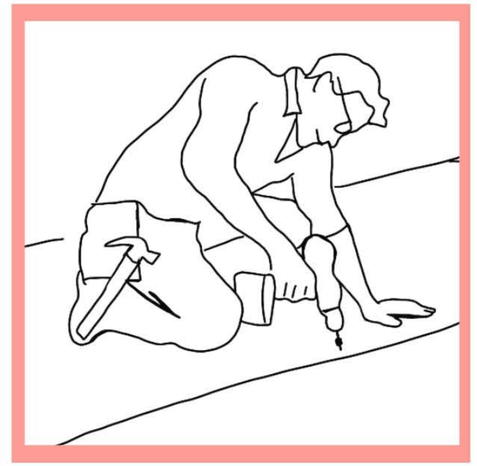
Awareness

Senior, legacy residents in low-wealth communities near LBC, including Southwest and Westside Atlanta, are advertised to in their local paper, their monthly utility bill and through faith-based organizations about the program and are educated on the benefit of improving their home's efficiency.

Assess

Local representatives from the community, "Supers," assess the home in-person to identify code violations, opportunities to improve livability (structure, leaks, etc) from the owner's perspective and conduct an energy audit.

Possible partnership with the City of Atlanta to have reported code violations as a means to identify homes that are in need of repair as opposed to burdening these homeowners with fines for the violations.



Execute

The Super contacts a **Deconstruction contractor** (trained in LBC's Deconstruction Workforce Program) who uses reclaimed materials to repair the home.

Training to be deployed by members of the community. Local reclamation enthusiasts, tinkerers and community members are recruited, onboarded and trained for deconstruction jobs.

Reward

The legacy resident receives a letter, informing them of the money they've saved from participating in the program and asks if the resident has neighbors they can refer to the program.

Maintain

The Super checks in with the legacy resident every year on the resident's birthday to see how the maintenance is holding up and if new issues have arisen.

WE HOPE TO ACTUALIZE THE DECONSTRUCTION ECOSYSTEM FURTHER. JOIN US!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR ...

Connections to individuals, organizations and institutions with expertise and resources to help expand the Deconstruction workforce development efforts connected to the built environment, with reuse, environmental justice and community resilience prioritized.

Participation in our working groups:

- Trainee recruitment / support
- Employer partner engagement
- Curriculum development
- Marketing/communications
- Fundraising / capacity building