



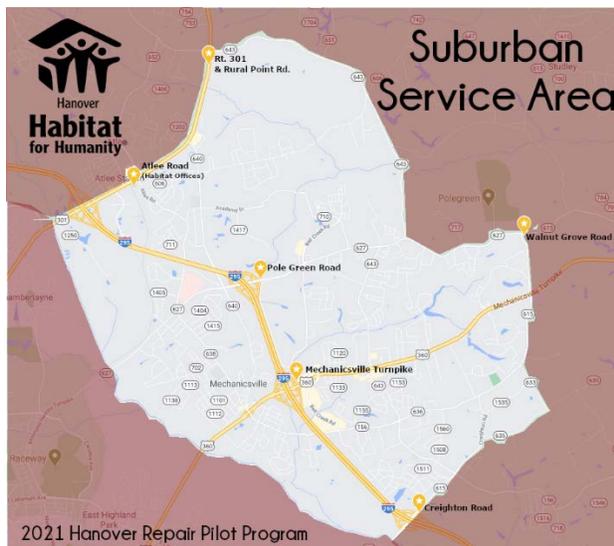
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Hanover Habitat's Pilot Repair Program

Habitat for Humanity's vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Many local Habitat for Humanity affiliates are now working to bring strength, stability, and self-reliance to their communities through an expanded array of housing solutions, not just through new construction. Hanover Habitat for Humanity expanded their programs into home repairs in 2017. Initially, repairs through Hanover Habitat were limited to the rural areas covered by USDA funds. Thanks to a recent grant, there is funding for homes in the 'old Mechanicsville' area that does not qualify for USDA. As a result, Hanover Habitat has launched a pilot program to serve the suburban service area of Hanover and homeowners who are over the age of 62 that need critical exterior repairs to keep them safe in their home.



Hanover Habitat recognizes that homeowners may be facing challenges due to their age, health, or a change in financial circumstances that affected their ability to maintain their home. Habitat wants to help make their home safe so they can remain in it long term. In order for homeowners to be accepted into the program, they must have lived in Hanover County for at least one year; their property must be owner-occupied; the applicant must be up to date on mortgage payments and taxes; the household income must be 50% or less of the area median income in Hanover County, with a maximum income of \$44,700 (unless there are more than 4 people in the home). If you or someone you know meet these requirements, please visit

www.hanoverhfh.org/criticalrepairs for an application and additional information. Applications are accepted on a first come, first serve basis, until the grant funds have been depleted.

Hanover Habitat hopes to grow the repair program into an ongoing service for the community.. To do so, they continue to seek funding to cover the Hanover County suburban service area and individuals younger than 62 years. If you are interested in supporting this endeavor, you can donate at www.hanoverhfh.org/DonationforRepairs.

About Hanover Habitat for Humanity



Hanover Habitat for Humanity was formed in 1990 by a committed group of Hanover citizens who wanted to provide safe and affordable housing in Hanover County. Since that time Hanover Habitat has built homes for 70 families. People in our community and all over the world partner with Habitat for Humanity to build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. With our help, Habitat homeowners achieve the strength, stability and independence they need to build a better life for themselves and their families. Hanover Habitat for Humanity is an Equal Opportunity Housing Agency, and an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action Employer. To learn more about the organization visit www.hanoverhfh.org.

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