The Illinois Green Alliance partnered with City Incite to provide hands-on training for at risk youth, ages 16-24, to become Youth Energy Efficiency Ambassadors.

**TRAINING**
During a half-day training with Illinois Green, the students learned about the smart grid, utility energy programs, and home energy efficiency and connected with Energy Efficiency Ambassadors to learn about green building and sustainability careers.

40 students trained; 5 Energy Efficiency Ambassadors engaged

**FIELD TRIPS**
The Youth Energy Efficiency Ambassadors toured two homes featured on the GreenBuilt Home Tour and visited the ComEd Smart Energy Hub in Bridgeport.

25 students received hands-on education through tours & interactive activities

**BLOCK PARTIES**
To share what they learned, the students educated their communities at block parties. They encouraged attendees to take energy saving actions at home and passed out devices like LED light bulbs & advanced power strips.

400 community members engaged; 62 pledges signed; 190+ devices distributed

After training and interactive field trips, the students have become local energy efficiency advocates. Through these experiences the students were also exposed to different career paths within the green building and sustainability fields. Illinois Green and City Incite are continuing to identify outreach and educational opportunities for the students. This partnership was made possible with funding from the Illinois Science and Energy Innovation Foundation.

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