NEW YORK STATE BUILDERS ASSOCIATION

The Value of NYSBA Membership

When you join your local home builders association, you also become a member of the **New York State Builders Association (NYSBA)** and the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB).

That three-level membership gives you a stronger voice: **locally, in Albany, and with state and federal agencies.**

Over the past 24 months, NYSBA has worked every day to protect your business, reduce building costs, remove regulatory barriers, and increase housing production across New York.

2025—2026 Key Accomplishments

WETLANDS LAWSUIT VICTORY

- **NYSBA** challenged **DEC's** sweeping Part 664 freshwater wetlands regulations in court and **won**.
- The court annulled the regulations for failure to comply with **SEQRA**, protecting builders and property owners from significant new regulatory burdens.
- NYSBA then worked directly with DEC on a practical permitting solution for housing.

DIRECT ACCESS TO DEC LEADERSHIP

- NYSBA has maintained direct discussions with **DEC Commissioner Amanda Lefton and senior DEC staff** on wetlands regulations, permitting delays, and other barriers to housing.
- This direct access allows NYSBA to bring members' concerns directly to the people responsible for implementing state regulations.

SEQRA REFORM

- NYSBA helped secure some of the most significant reforms to New York's environmental review process in decades.
- These changes will make it easier to approve and build housing while reducing unnecessary delays and costs.

NEW HOUSING WETLANDS GENERAL PERMIT

- NYSBA worked with DEC to establish **General Permit GP-0-25-006**, effective June 10, 2026.
- The permit provides a streamlined permitting pathway for eligible housing projects and is an important step toward a more predictable wetlands approval process.

ENERGY CHOICE AND AFFORDABILITY

- NYSBA has advocated for practical energy policies that protect **consumer choice, housing affordability, and grid reliability**.
- We supported efforts surrounding **Governor Hochul's** pause of all-electric building requirements for new construction.
- We continue to advocate for energy-choice legislation and an **all-of-the-above approach** to meeting New York's energy needs.

NATURAL GAS BAN LITIGATION

- NYSBA and NAHB are plaintiffs in litigation challenging restrictions on natural gas in new construction.
- NYSBA helped secure a **court-ordered stay**, preventing the ban from taking effect while the litigation continues.
- Although the **Second Circuit** court ruled in favor of the Plaintiffs in June 2026, the stay remains in place while further legal proceedings continue, with the possibility of eventual review by the **U.S. Supreme Court**.

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SCAFFOLD LAW & LIABILITY INSURANCE REFORM

- NYSBA has made reform of New York's **Scaffold Law** and construction liability insurance a major priority.
- We are talking to the Governor's Office, legislative leaders, and coalition partners to advance reforms that can reduce construction costs and improve housing affordability.
- NYSBA also supported Congressman Nick Langworthy's **Infrastructure Expansion Act**, which addresses Scaffold Law reform at the federal level.

FIRE SPRINKLER MANDATE

- NYSBA successfully advocated against the statewide sprinkler mandate for new one- and two-family homes, helping prevent another significant cost from being added to new housing construction.

WORKING WITH THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

- NYSBA has maintained an ongoing dialogue with the Governor's Office on housing production, affordability, energy policy, and regulatory reform.
- Our message has been consistent: **New York needs to make it easier and less expensive to build the housing its families need.**

NYSBA + NAHB

- We continue to work closely with NAHB on state and national issues affecting builders, including housing affordability, energy policy, regulatory reform, and litigation.
- Together, NYSBA and NAHB give our members a voice from **Albany to Washington, D.C.**

Your Membership Also Provides

A VOICE IN ALBANY

Lobbying through **Dana Carotenuto of The MirRam Group**, giving NYSBA members a voice at all levels of state government.

WORKERS' COMP SAFETY GROUP

25% upfront discount and a potential 25% five-year average dividend through the Durnan Group.

Call **Matt Durnan: 516-764-4000**

HBA MEMBER REBATES

Rebates from more than 60 manufacturers on products you already purchase. The average 2025 participant received **$1,696**.

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GOVERNMENT RELATIONS BRIEFINGS

Calls open to all NYSBA members, featuring legislative updates, advocacy briefings, and an opportunity to raise issues directly with NYSBA.

nysba.com/government-relations

FREE ENERGY CODE TRAINING SERIES

Training on ECCCNYS-2025, presented in partnership with NYSERDA, including live webinars and on-demand courses.

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EMPIRE BUILDING AWARDS

The only statewide awards program for New York's builders, presented by **Pella Windows and Doors**.

Your NYSBA membership is an investment in having someone fighting for your business.

Whether it is taking DEC to court, working directly with state agencies, advocating with the Governor and Legislature, protecting energy choice, fighting unnecessary construction costs, or working with NAHB on issues affecting builders nationwide, **NYSBA is at the table.**

NYSBA's goals are to: **protect the industry, lower building costs, increase housing production, and make it possible for more New Yorkers to afford a home.**