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The Program "Sustainable Development of Model Communities on a Municipal Level in Russia"

Project Complex "Sustainable Development of Nizhegorodskoye Zavolzhye"

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Semyonovsky and Voskresensky raions. Nizhny Novgorod Oblast



Population: 78,100



I. Zhivikhina, Deputy Governor of Nizhny Novgorod Oblast, V. Privalov, Head of the Municipal Government of Voskresensky Raion (left) and A. Groza, Project Coordinator, at the opening of the Nizhegorodskoye Zavolzhye Development Center



Modern filters were installed by the project at ZAO Khokhlomskaya Rospis in Semyonov

Problems of the Municipality Addressed by the Project Complex:

- Low level of the practical introduction of previously developed Socio-Economic Development Programs for Semyonovsky and Voskresensky raions of Nizhny Novgorod Oblast.
- Low level of interaction among local government, business and NGOs.
- Low employment level of the local rural population.

Projects Implemented in 2005-2006:

1. Development and Implementation in Semyonovsky Raion of an Energy Policy and Mechanisms for Reinvesting Saved Funds into Energy-Efficiency Activities.
2. Optimization of Heating Supply in Schools in Semyonov, Nizhny Novgorod Oblast, through the Utilization of Modern Energy-Efficiency Techniques
3. New Technology and Traditional Crafts: Introduction of Energy-Efficiency Techniques at ZAO Khokhlomskaya Rospis
- 4 Zhivaya Starina (Live Olden Times): Regional Interaction in Developing the Folk Crafts Sector and a Tourism Infrastructure in Nizhegorodskoye Zavolzhye

Key Project Results Promoting Community Development:

- The mechanisms of reinvesting saved funds into energy-efficiency projects were approved by Semyonovsky Raion Municipal Council.
- Thanks to the project, local NGOs, such as Dront and OKO Svetloyara, have established effective interaction with the municipal government in the area of energy-efficiency and tourism development.
- After the installation of modern filters, the cost of heating the shops of ZAO Khokhlomskaya Rospis decreased by 423,000 rubles; and the rate of illnesses among the personnel of this company dropped by 37%.
- After the school boiler plant was converted from the use of coal to gas, CO2 emissions decreased by 18 times.
- Traditional crafts of local rural areas are demonstrated at the Nizhegorodskoye Zavolzhye Development Center that was opened as part of project activities. Over 20 local residents are now employed at the local tourism sector.
- A tourist route that was developed during project implementation is promoting community interaction in the tourism business. This route was named the best at the Regional Tourism Fair.



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