

6821 N Van Houten

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Contractor Good Wood
Square footage 660
Year built 1885
Deconstruction cost \$7,825

Estimated percentage material salvaged
75% → 70%
pre-project post-project

Labor cost \$6,300
Deconstruction labor hours 110
Project duration 2.5 weeks



Project Uniqueness

We are a new company formed in response to the ordinance. We pay wages that are high for this industry but also necessary for skilled people to live and work here in Portland, elevating the work force from low-pay, high-turnover laborers to committed, invested deconstructors who take pride in their work. This grant provides us with breathing room to undergo much-needed on-the-job management training and learn how to be a conductor of sorts, playing our crew like the fine instrument it can be, and for that we need practice.

Innovations

We developed an efficient and intelligent roof removal strategy, which does not require anyone to be on the roof but does require a high level of coordinated teamwork, to accomplish our tight three-day goal and increase safety.

Materials salvaged

- Appliances/equipment
- Cabinets
- Doors
- Insulation
- Light fixtures
- Plumbing fixtures
- Posts and beams
- Roof sheathing
- Siding
- Trim
- Wall sheathing
- Windows
- Wood flooring
- Wood framing

* Not present in structure

Project Promotion Strategy

- Social media
- Word of mouth
- Interviews

Lessons Learned

We learned to slow down on particular tasks in order to minimize loss of salvageable material and debris pile-up, as well as to utilize particular members of the crew for specific tasks in order to make use of their strengths.

Unforeseen Circumstances

No unforeseen circumstances were encountered.

Hazmat Discovery Yes No