



# Joint Environmental Task Force Workforce Development Recommendations

Update

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# JET Workforce Development Recommendations

- Recommendation #1: **Green Career Toolkit**
  - Equip FCPS guidance counselors and career center staff with a standardized toolkit on green careers. Ensure the presence of green career professionals at career days and student interview days. **FCPS leads. County has participated in career days.**
- Recommendation #2: **Solar Job Opportunities**
  - Work with local solar installers to investigate job opportunities for new high school graduates, those with a two-year degree and those graduating from county job programs. **FCPS leads.**
- Recommendation #3: **Green Career Programs**
  - Develop a plan to offer green career/ economy-related programs for high school students. **Slide 3**
- Recommendation #4: **Utilizing Buildings as Learning Tools**
  - Develop a plan to utilize county buildings as learning tools as the county continues its use of sustainable building and architecture. **Slide 4**

# Recommendation #3: Develop Opportunities

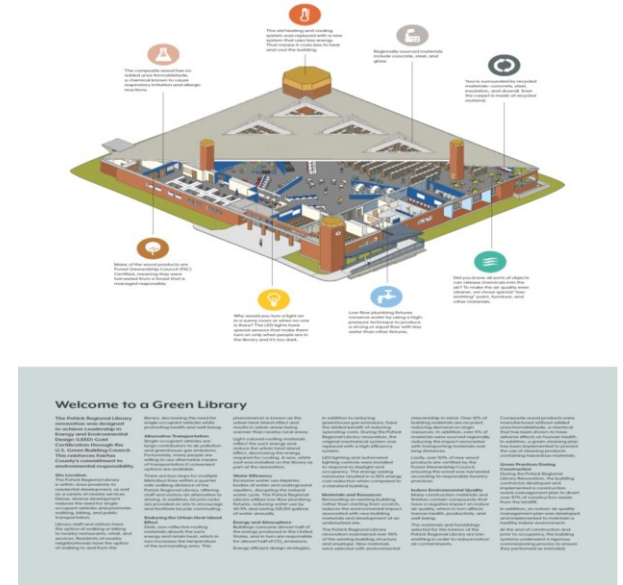
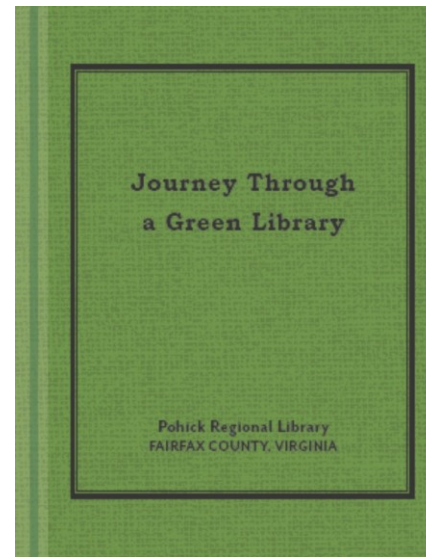
- DPWES has hired recent Graduates into Wastewater Plant Operator Positions
- DVS has had 25 student interns over the last 4 years -7 have received permanent positions
- LDS has recruited 5 inspectors from schools – 1 has become permanent
- 7 clients from Operation Stream Shield have received county jobs since program initiation -12 have received employment elsewhere
- Noman Cole Lab provides volunteer opportunities to high school and college students
- DPWES was a founding member of the National Green Infrastructure Certification Program (NGICP)

# Recommendation #4: Utilize Buildings as Learning Tools

- FPCA Spotlight: Sully Woodlands Stewardship Education Center



- County Spotlight: Pohick Regional Library



# Next Steps

- Provide informational resources on the county's green career opportunities to FCPS as they develop a green career toolkit.
- Continue to attend career days and other informational sessions.
- Discuss workforce development opportunities with solar vendors.
- Identify ways to expand educational features in buildings as solar panels, green roofs and other sustainable design elements are installed or adopted.

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