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ITY GOVERNMENT GREEN BUILDINGS

The City government has constructed two LEED®-NC v2.2 Gold-certified facilities—Charles Houston Recreation Center and the DASH Bus Operations and Maintenance facility— and one LEED®-EB v2.0 Silver-certified facility, the City's Human Services facility at 2525 Mt. Vernon Avenue. The City's recently opened Alexandria Station development – a public/private partnership – a mixed-use residential, retail, and fire station facility. The residential units (64) are EarthCraft-certified while the retail and fire station spaces are currently seeking LEED®-NC Silver certification. Moreover, the City is implementing energy use reductions and storm water runoff mitigation through its Energy Management program and Office of Environmental Quality efforts. For example, City operations are on target to achieve a 15% reduction in energy use in 2015 over 2005 baseline consumption.

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Charles Houston Recreation Center



GREEN BUILDING RESOURCE CENTER <http://www.alexandriava.gov/gbrc/>

The City is proud to host this online clearinghouse to help its citizens and business owners reduce their environmental footprint and operating costs by offering practical solutions to design, build and maintain their spaces in an eco-friendly manner.

For additional information about Eco-City Alexandria initiatives visit:

Eco-City Alexandria

<http://www.alexandriava.gov/Eco-City>

Take the Eco-City Challenge

<http://www.alexandriava.gov/EcoCityChallenge>

Green Building Policy

<http://www.alexandriava.gov/GreenBuilding>



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BUILDING OUTREACH PROGRAM



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CITY OF ALEXANDRIA GREEN BUILDING POLICY

Green Buildings have been identified by the City as a major component of its commitment to sustainable development. The City's initiatives through its strategic plan, commitment to Green Building of City facilities, and the adoption and phased implementation of the Eco-City Charter lay the foundations for the wider adoption of Green Building practice in the City of Alexandria.

In April 2009, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the proposed Green Building Policy. Per this Policy, the City expects that all new development requiring a Development Site Plan or Development Special Use Permit will achieve a LEED Silver or an equivalent rating for non-residential development and LEED Certified or an equivalent rating for residential development.

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GREEN BUILDING OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Green Building Outreach Program includes developing a virtual green building resource center and informational brochures; organizing an energy audit pilot program; organizing workshops for the general public on various green building topics, and exploring possible incentives the City could implement to promote green building. It is funded by DOE's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant.

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GREEN BUILDING OUTREACH PROGRAM WORKSHOP SERIES

The Departments of Transportation and Environmental Services - Office of Environmental Quality and Planning and Zoning are hosting a series of free workshops for residents and businesses interested in learning about green building techniques and how to reduce their environmental footprint. Below is a list of the 2012 workshops. Video and presentation material from 2011 workshop series is available on the Green Building Resource Center.

ABCS OF GOING GREEN

CONSUMER'S GUIDE TO PURCHASING GREEN VEHICLES GREEN LANDSCAPING FOR YOU AND THE BAY

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Saturday, April 21, 2012

Earth Day, Alexandria VA

Learn how to do-it-yourself improvements to conserve energy, water, and other resources while improving comfort in side and outside your home. Additionally, presenters will provide information on the benefits of purchasing an electric, hybrid, and other green vehicles.

ALEXANDRIA'S ENERGY SAVINGS LOAN + HOME PERFORMANCE WITH ENERGY STAR PROGRAM

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Saturday, June 16, 2012

Alexandria City Hall, Alexandria VA

The workshop will provide an overview of the City's energy audit pilot project, energy loan program, and the NOVA Home Performance with Energy Star Program.

GREEN YOUR CONGREGATION

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Saturday, September 22, 2012

Location: TBD

Learn ways to green your place of worship using energy efficiency and renewables technologies to save money and reduce your environmental footprint.

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ECO-FRIENDLY LIVING TIPS

- ✓ *Get a Home or Building Energy Audit*
- ✓ *Install a Programmable Thermostat*
- ✓ *Install Low-Flow Showerheads and Toilets*
- ✓ *Take Reusable Bags When Shopping*
- ✓ *Purchase Renewable Energy from Dominion VA Power*
- ✓ *Take the Green Route and use mass transit*
- ✓ *Walk or Bike to work*
- ✓ *Buy Locally Produced Products and Services*
- ✓ *Plant a Tree*
- ✓ *Don't forget the 3 Rs: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle*