

Green Building Institute E-Newsletter

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Maria (Univ. of Maryland)



Emily (Univ. of Maryland)

Dear Lynn,

Green By Law
Recent Green Building Legislation

Every year, an increasing amount of legislation is passed that supports green building and energy efficiency. Here are some examples from the Maryland and Washington, D.C. area:

[House Bill 1532](#)

In May 2006, the Maryland legislature passed a bill to allow county governments in Maryland to provide property tax credit on buildings that use energy conservation devices to generate electricity. A previous law allows for a property tax credit if an energy conservation device is used to heat the water for the building, or if the device is used as part of the building's heating and cooling system.

Under this law, anyone who owned a building that uses solar electric, solar hot water, or even wind turbines could apply for a property tax credit. The law applies to every taxable year after June 2006.

[D.C. Green Building Act of 2006](#)

On December 5, 2006 the D.C. Council passed a bill requiring all large, non-residential buildings in D.C. to be planned and built according to the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards set by the U.S. Green Building Council. Both private developers and district funded building projects must follow the same standards.

Mayor Adrian Fenty plans to form a Green Building



Renee (Volunteer)



Erin (Univ. of Maryland - On sabbatical in Italy)



Danya (Wilde Lake High School)

Advisory Council to monitor compliance to the law. Fenty also plans to develop an incentives plan for this legislation.

One of the reasons for this legislation, a representative from D.C. Councilmember Jim Graham's office explained, is the polluted Anacostia River. Most of Washington, D.C. is paved over, resulting in high quantities of storm water runoff into the river.

This legislation has attracted attention throughout the country because it is the first of its kind in a major city. Most cities do not require private developers to follow such specific energy and environmental impact standards. Hopefully, the D.C. legislation will pave the way for similar legislation in other major cities.

Building and energy use standards and requirements are constantly changing. Through recent changes such as the legislation above, we can see the results of the growing trend towards green building in our government. Hopefully, this trend will develop until energy efficient and environmentally conscious buildings become the norm.

Danya French, Intern

Upcoming Classes & Events

Green Building Institute class titles in CAPS.

Sunday & Monday, February 4 - 5, 2007

Sunday 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. &

Monday 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

[Implementing Solutions to Climate Crises Conf.](#)

George Washington University
Washington, D.C.

Monday, February 5, 2007

6:00 PM - 8:00PM

[Green Happy Hour](#)

Chesapeake Sustainable Business Alliance
Baltimore, MD

Tuesday, February 6, 2007

6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

[Green Drinks](#)

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Zaytinya
701 9th Street, NW
Washington, DC

Tuesday, February 6, 2007

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

[Green Building Network](#)

Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources
@ The Green Building Institute
7761 Waterloo Rd.
Jessup, MD

Thursday, February 8*, 2007

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

[INTRO TO SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS](#)

Satellite Campus
Potomac Overlook Regional Park
Arlington, VA
*Rescheduled from 2/1/07

Wednesday, February 14, 2007

9:00AM - 1:00PM

[Builder Training Workshop: Affordable and Energy Efficient Construction Practices](#)

Maryland Energy Administration and Montgomery County Habitat for Humanity
Liberty Grove United Methodist Church
Burtonsville, MD

Thursday, February 15, 2007

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

[USGBC Baltimore Chapter Presentation](#)

Under Floor Service Distribution
Timonium, MD

Sunday, February 18, 2007

11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

[Takoma Park Green Building Conference](#)

Takoma Park, MD

Wednesday, February 21, 2007

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

[Great Seneca Creek Elementary School Green Tour](#)

13010 Dairymaid Drive
Germantown, MD

Thursday, February 22, 2007

6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

[Washington DC Sustainable Business Network](#)

Topaz Hotel
Washington, DC

Friday, February 23, 2007

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

[Brookside Gardens: Green Matters Symposium](#)

Trees: Urban Re-Leaf

Brookside Gardens

Wheaton, MD

Saturday, February 24, 2007

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

[INTRO TO GREEN HOME RENOVATIONS](#)

- How do I approach doing a green renovation?
- What are the differences between Green and conventional renovations?
- What is Integrated Design?
- How do I incorporate passive solar?

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Wednesday, February 28, 2007

12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

[Organic Land Care Basic Training Teleconference](#)
for Municipal Officials or Transitioning Landscapers

Thursday, March 1, 2007

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

[INTRO TO HOME ENERGY AUDITS](#)

- What is an energy audit?
- What can you do to increase efficiency without an audit?
- What do energy auditors do to evaluate your home?

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Tuesday, March 6, 2007

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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[Living Green in Arlington:
Renewable Energy, Clean Water, and Buying
Responsibly Panel Discussion](#)

@ National Rural Electric

Cooperative Association (NRECA)

4301 Wilson Blvd

Arlington, VA

Friday, March 16, 2007

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

[Think Globally, Design Locally-](#)

[Green Buildings in the Chesapeake Presentation](#)

Howard Community College

Smith Theatre

Columbia, MD

Wednesday, March 21, 2007

[Builder Mart](#)

Check out the Green Way Exhibitors

Hosted by Home Builders Association of Maryland

Timonium, MD

Tuesday - Thursday, March 20-22, 2007

[GreenTech Conference and Exposition 2007](#)

Baltimore Convention Center

Baltimore, MD

Saturday, March 31, 2007

9:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

[HOW TO BE GREEN](#)

- Efficient and healthy homes
- Solar hot water for your home
- Rainwater collection for garden use
- Solar electric for your home

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Tuesday, April 3, 2007

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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Friday & Saturday, April 13-14, 2007

[Mid-Atlantic Renewable Energy Expo](#)

Hartford Community College

Bel Air, MD

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

[HOW TO BUILD A RAIN GARDEN](#)

Satellite Campus

Potomac Overlook Regional Park

Arlington, VA

Wednesday & Thursday, April 18-19, 2007

[2ND ANNUAL SMART AND SUSTAINABLE CAMPUS
CONFERENCE](#)

University of Maryland
College Park, MD

Saturday, April 21, 2007

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**[DAYLIGHT TUBE INSTALLATION DEMO.
WORKSHOP](#)**

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Tuesday & Wednesday, April 24 - 25, 2007

[National Sustainable Design Expo & P3 Competition](#)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
National Mall
Washington, D.C.

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, May 16, 2007

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

[INTRO TO GREEN ROOFS](#)

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Saturday, May 19, 2007

GREEN ROOF BUS TOUR

Please call (443) 733-1234 for more details.

Saturday, June 2, 2007

9:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

[HOW TO BE GREEN](#)

- Efficient and healthy homes
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- Rainwater collection for garden use
- Solar electric for your home

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Tuesday, June 5, 2007

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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