

Lehigh Valley Greenways Conservation Landscape SUCCESS STORY

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Green Schools Sustainability Workshop (Awarded 2018)

SUMMARY

Green Building United hosted an all-day workshop for educators, administrations, and facilities personnel to promote sustainability initiatives in schools.

FUNDING

Grant Award:
\$2,532.57

Match:
\$5,764.85

Total Project Cost:
\$8,297.42

PARTNERSHIP IS KEY

Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center was a key partner. They hosted the event, ran registration, helped with promotion, coordinated professional development hours, and presented during the workshop. Other workshop presenters included representatives Broughal Middle School, CLEAResult, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Nitschmann Middle School hosted a tour of their school, which is seeking LEED Platinum Certification to close the day. A total of five organizations and companies sponsored the event.



CHALLENGE

This workshop sought to address perceived barriers to implementation of green initiatives in schools around the Lehigh Valley and PA. The design was to create a platform for understanding, collaboration, conversation, and idea exchange between educators and school personnel interested in promoting sustainability in their schools and the government and non-profit entities that can provide technical and material support to set and reach their goals.



SOLUTION

The workshop educated attendees about opportunities to create energy efficient and healthier classrooms and schools while decreasing their environmental impact. Topics included (1) incorporating sustainable building features into classroom curriculum (led by Broughal Middle School teachers), (2) using the Project Learning Tree School Site Investigation to introduce the hands-on, student-driven Green Schools program that emphasizes critical thinking and problem-solving skills (Jacobsburg), (3) exploring PPL's energy efficiency program for schools (led by CLEAResult), and (4) explaining the designation and importance of selecting green cleaning products that are safer for schools and the environment (led by the EPA.)

Through learning and relationship building, the workshop was an effective way to develop sustainability partnership opportunities in schools throughout the region.

RESULTS

30 workshop attendees

6.5 hours of content delivery, tours, and networking

6 presenters

5 sponsors

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