



U.S. Green Building Council – Illinois Chapter

Green Apple Day of Service

September 28, 2013

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The USGBC-Illinois Chapter and the National Center for Green Schools is inviting communities to take action on campuses around the world for the second annual Green Apple Day of Service, September 28, 2013. On this day, we are encouraging K-12 and College/University students, teachers, and administrators to devise a school sustainability project, and work with community volunteers to create positive environmental change. USGBC-Illinois is also inviting professional members of the green building community to serve as volunteer mentors for each project. Mentors will provide planning support, and work with schools to prepare successful one day or yearlong events.

PROJECTS & PROCESS

Each participating school will identify a low or no cost project that fulfills an unmet environmental need, and submit an application. Schools may propose a wide variety of projects—from planting school gardens, to collaborating on clean-ups, to hosting e-waste recycling drives—or they may customize a project to meet local goals.

- 1 Schools: Identify a service project. (View [Project Suggestions](#))
- 2 Schools: Select a program path & submit online application.

Program	Effort Level	Description
INDEPENDENT		Plan a Day of Service project without a mentor
PARTNER		Plan a Day of Service project with the help of a mentor
CHALLENGE		Plan a yearlong project with the help of a mentor

- 3 USGBC-Illinois pairs each school with one or more mentors (based on program needs, skills & location).

RESULTS

While the immediate impact of these service projects may result in energy/water savings, cleaner air, or healthier learning environments; USGBC-Illinois hopes that the Green Apple Day of Service will create a lasting awareness of the importance of green schools, and catalyze a movement that fosters an attitude among youth and future generations to appreciate and model sustainable practices.

NOW RECRUITING

- SCHOOLS:** Identify project & choose a path
- MENTORS:** Provide planning support, & earn LEED Credential Maintenance hours
- VOLUNTEERS:** Sign up to be a day-of volunteer
- SPONSORS:** These great projects need your support! (View [Sponsor Benefits](#))

2013 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- MARCH 11:** Applications open online (View [Deadlines](#))
- MAY–SEPT.:** Assign partners, plan projects
- SEPT. 28TH:** Green Apple Day of Service (date flexible)
- EARLY NOV.:** Recognition Event & Schools Symposium

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