

Conservation Corner

The Town of La Plata will be sponsoring a series of Green Education classes entitled “Making Green As Close as Home” that will introduce sustainable landscaping, water, and energy saving techniques that save you money and allow you to maintain your current lifestyle, while benefitting the environment. Classes include sustainable landscaping, water saving features, and energy savings opportunities appropriate for both the business and home communities. La Plata’s Green Building Committee is organizing the event, and is proud to partner with the Green Building Institute who is facilitating the classes. The classes will be held at 7:00 PM at Town Hall on the following dates:

Sustainable Landscaping on Wednesday April 28th

Water Conservation on Thursday May 13th

Energy Conservation on Thursday May 27th

To offset the cost of the program the price will be \$15 per participant. Door prizes will be awarded! Please see the Town of La Plata’s website to sign up or for more details, or email Rose Haft on La Plata’s Green Building Committee at rhaft@townoflaplata.org, or call 301-934-8421.

The Green Building Institute is an education center that helps to support a community network of green-minded and green-curious companies and individuals. Their office is an energy efficient and water smart space that “fosters and inspires harmony with the earth”. With solar panels, radiative heating, cross wind cooling, bamboo flooring, recycled carpeting, rain barrels, and natural lighting, their office building acts as a model for sustainable living that reduces the costs of their usage and increases the health of the office environment. They hold classes in Maryland, DC, and Northern Virginia that teach a wide range of subjects from green renovation to building with LEED and include the classes we are bringing to Southern Maryland. Past classes in Charlotte Hall have included building deconstruction, materials reuse, green products, and green updates without remodeling.