

Environmental Stewardship & The Self-Help Mission

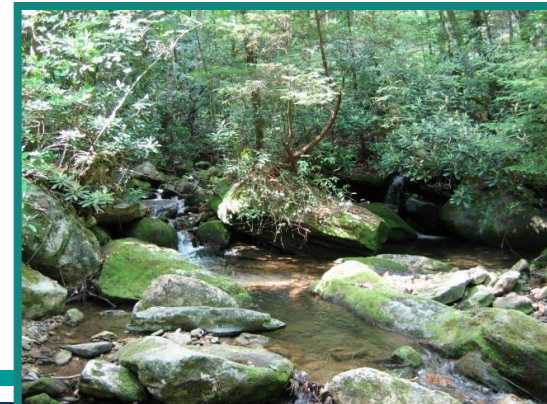
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Our Mission – Green Connections

- Economic Development/green jobs
- Lead poisoning
- Cancer rates
- Asthma rates
- Energy poverty
- Access to quality food
- Access to green space
- Access to transportation

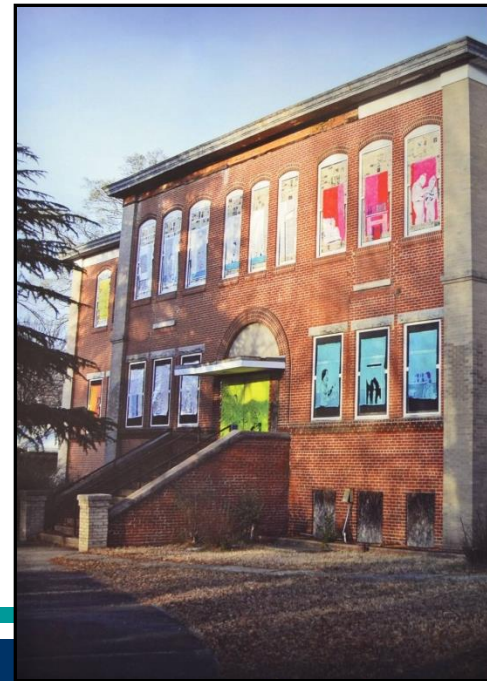
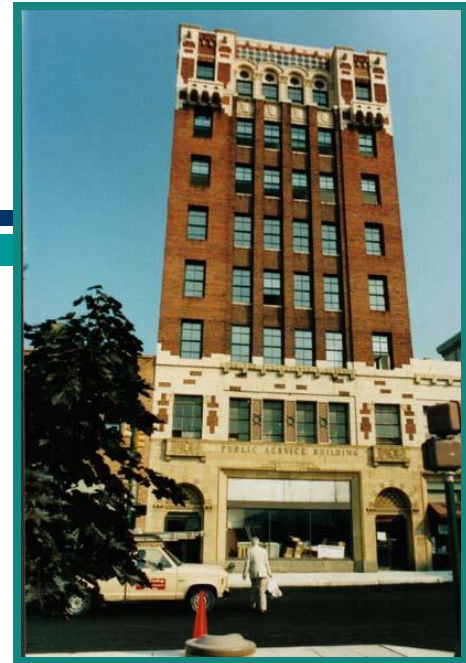
Commercial Lending

- Small businesses
 - Biofuels
 - Solar installers, energy services
 - Sustainable products
- Big Renewable Energy installations
- Energy Loan Fund
 - \$15 Million retrofits by 2014
 - Affordable housing , community facilities, & commercial buildings
 - Starting in Charlotte
- Sustainable Foods
 - What's our niche?



Commercial Real Estate Development

- 15 buildings, 695,000 ft²
- Historic is green! Can we make it greener?
- Energy projects worth \$87,000 in annual savings underway in 2012



Home Energy Efficiency

- Choice Community Credit Union
 - Greensboro Better Buildings program
- Carolina Mountains Credit Union
 - Western NC Green Building Council & “Neighbor Saves”
- Consumer and home equity loans can be used for HVAC
- What about *my* house?
 - <http://ournet/working-here/environmental-stewardship>

Residential Real Estate Development

Green Standards:

- *SystemVision* guarantees low heating & cooling bills.
- Healthy Built Homes specifies reduced asthma risk factors

Urban locations

- Access to transit
- Reduces sprawl



Our Actions Impact Our Mission

- Commuting
- Work travel
- Energy use
- Water use
- Paper use
- Paper towels
- Recycle at work

Look for tips on OurNet:

<http://ournet.self-help.org/working-here/environmental-stewardship>

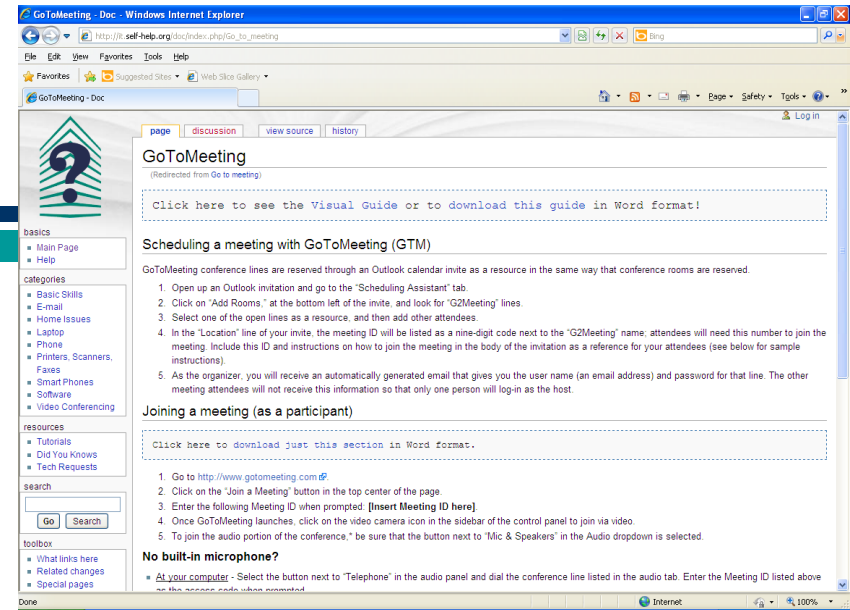
Commuting to Durham

- **Third Wheel Club**
 - Turn in your parking pass → \$45/month credit
 - Or punch the commuter card for brownie points
- **Support for your commute**
 - Shower in basement of 301
 - Bike tools at front desk
 - NC ride matching database
 - [Share the Ride](#)
 - Emergency ride home vouchers
- **Express Busses**
 - From Transit Station, 3 blocks from office
 - Schedule at <http://www.gotriangle.org/>
- **Travel to Meetings – Bull City Connector**



Company Travel

- GoToMeeting video meetings
- Megabus (DC -Durham)
- Amtrack (Durham –Charlotte)
- Company Prius for long trips
- Impala for short trips
- Airport rentals? Ask for hybrid



- Share the ride – company carpoolers
- Find a friend for in-state meetings

Energy Savings in YOUR Control

- Lights out when you leave
- Compact fluorescents in your floor lamps
- Computers, monitors, speakers
 - worth \$66/year if you do it
 - If *LOTS* of Self-Helpers did it? **\$16,000 per year**
- No space heaters

Recycling supported 14,000 jobs in NC



Items our Durham recycler accepts

Save water

- Turn off faucets when scrubbing
- “Limited Flush” stalls in Durham – closet to the wall

Paper Savings in YOUR Control

- Default your printer settings to double sided
- Skip the meeting handouts – use video display
- Before copying, consider just scanning
- Do you really need two paper towels?

Monthly Environmental Stewardship Committee

- Champion
- Implement
- Support
- Connect

