



Pennsylvania GreenGov News



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Welcome to Pennsylvania GreenGov News! We're pleased to share news of the commonwealth's acquisition of its first high-performance building, more sustainability actions by other state agencies, and opportunities for you. Please consider sharing this newsletter with your networks to help expand the knowledge base as we work together to reduce emissions in Pennsylvania.

— Mark Hand, Director, [GreenGov Council](#)

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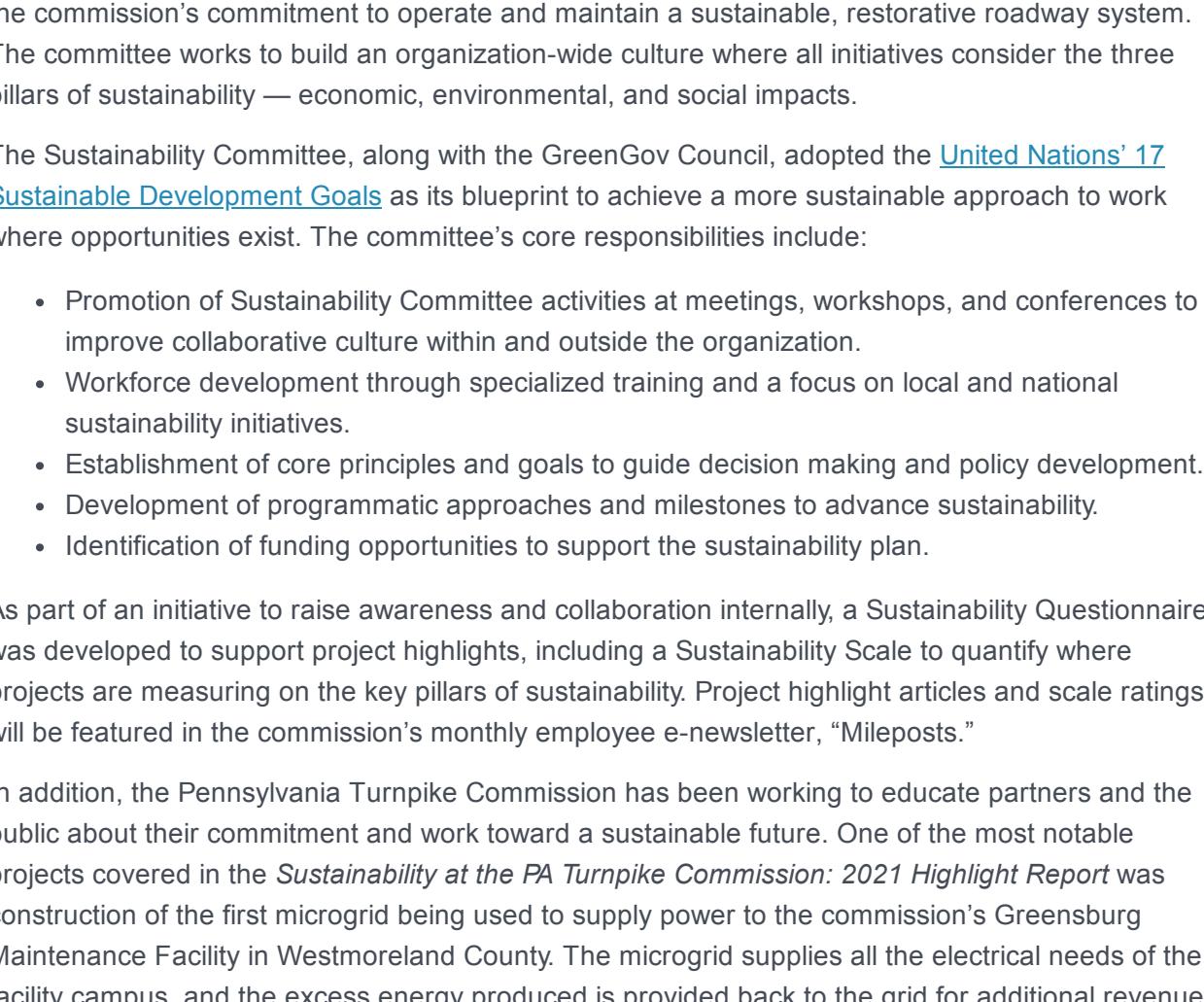


Commonwealth Takes Receipt of First Building Constructed Using High-Performance Building Standards

The GreenGov Council is excited to announce the completion of the commonwealth's newly constructed, 120,000 square-foot, 3-story building located at 2525 N. 7th Street in Harrisburg that will house more than 900 commonwealth employees from the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Office of Information Technology who currently occupy multiple facilities in the Harrisburg area.

Thanks to the input of the GreenGov Council, the energy modeling of the building envelope supported decisions for optimization of wall and roof insulation products and the selection of white roofing that will reflect solar radiation away from the building and reduce heat gains when the building is in cooling mode.

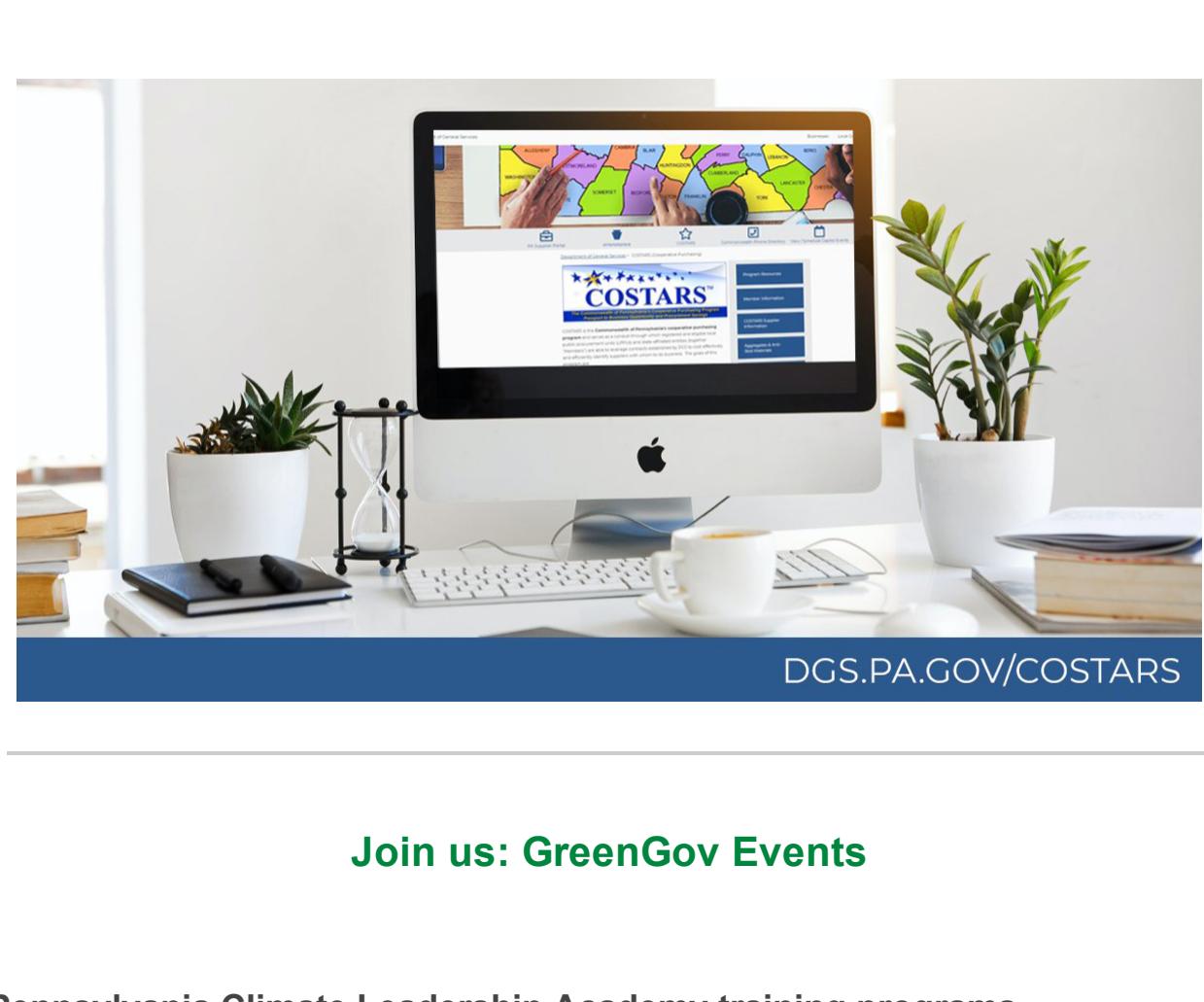
The new space features a range of energy conservation measures, including LED lighting, water conservation, site design to manage glare and heat gain, and the use of recycled materials where practical. For example, extended-length entry vestibules will limit unconditioned air entering through the front door, which will reduce heating and air conditioning costs. In addition, the aluminum windows are made of 95% recycled content, and the window glazing contains 75% recycled content.



In addition, the lessor agreed to install six electronic vehicle charging stations to accommodate the DHS electric vehicle fleet!

"The Seventh Street construction project presented us with the perfect opportunity to collaborate with the Department of General Services Bureau of Real Estate to incorporate some high-performance building standards on a brand-new building," Hand said. "As we moved along with the process, it evolved into the development of a high-performance lease pilot program that will begin this year."

The new high-performance lease pilot program will enable commonwealth agencies to pursue energy efficiency options in leased facilities beginning in this year. The pilot is a pathway to help solve the lessor/tenant arrangement which often restricts energy investment and upgrades to facilities. As part of leading-by-example, the commonwealth is seeking a portfolio of both owned and lease spaces over time meeting high performance and sustainable criteria. The GreenGov Council is looking forward to highlighting the carbon reduction achievements of our lessor community, as we work together to make these spaces more efficient, cost effective, and sustainable.



Resources to Help Your Effort

Consulting Services ITQ expansion to ASHRAE Audits and ENERGY STAR Building Certifications

The GreenGov Council recognizes that to meet our aggressive carbon reduction goals, we need to work together on a suite of tools that can help drive down energy consumption in the state and municipal government, K-12 schools and others who participate in the [DGS COSTARs cooperative purchasing program](#). Two new tools available for commonwealth agencies and COSTARs members include a stream-lined process to procure ASHRAE energy audits and EPA ENERGY STAR Buildings Certifications.

The Pennsylvania Department of General Services recently issued an Invitation to Qualify, or ITQ, seeking small businesses interested in conducting Commercial Building Energy Audits and evaluating facilities for ENERGY STAR Building Certifications. [Read more about the ITQ Solicitation here.](#)

Join us: GreenGov Events

Pennsylvania Climate Leadership Academy training programs

The Pennsylvania Climate Leadership Academy offers online training for: elected officials; leaders and staff in state and local government agencies; executive and senior personnel in critical infrastructure organizations; leaders in business, industry and agricultural sectors; and leaders of nonprofit organizations and academic institutions.

Climate Leadership Activator Series: This three-part series starts on May 12. Learn more about the opportunity and [register here.](#)

Certified Climate Change Professional Credential Training Programs: The CC-P Credential Training Programs offers two upcoming enrollment opportunities: Day classes begin on April 25, and evening classes start on May 3. Learn more about CC-P and [register here.](#)

Sustainability Webinar Series

Webinars are free and open to the public. Please [complete this survey](#) to indicate which presentations you plan to attend. We'll send out Microsoft Teams meeting calendar invitations to all interested attendees for their selected webinars. Webinars are sponsored by the GreenGov Council and Penn State University Sustainability Institute.

Household Carbon Reduction, Part 1: Energy Saving Utility Programs

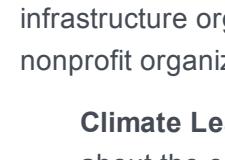
Date: April 8, 2022 | 1:00-1:45 pm

Speaker: Joseph Sherrick, Supervisor, Technical Utility Services, Policy & Planning, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

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