



# Virginia Green Conference Centers

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## Old Dairy Community Center Warm Springs, Virginia

**Virginia Green** is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green Attractions** have been thoughtfully planned and designed to minimize their impacts on the environment. This attraction has met the established "core activities" for **Green Attractions** and has committed to communicate its activities to its guests. Below is a list of this attraction's "green" activities that guests can expect.

### Old Dairy Community Center

Old Dairy Community Center is a complex of old barns which were recently restored and renovated to provide a community gathering place and recreation facilities for Homestead Preserve owners and guests. Meeting rooms and event spaces are available for rental by the public. Old Dairy is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and was named a Virginia Historic Landmark. From its origins as an adaptive reuse of historic buildings, Old Dairy has embodied the conservancy mission of the developer.

**Virginia Green Activities.** When visiting the Old Dairy Community Center, you can expect the following practices:

#### **CORE ACTIVITIES for Conference Centers**

- Recycling and Waste Reduction.** Conference Centers must provide highly-visible recycling opportunities for guests at their events.
  - Aluminum Cans, Plastic, Office Paper, Toner Cartridges, Newspaper, Cardboard,
  - Packing Supplies, Fluorescent Lamps, Batteries, Electronics Equipment
  - Donate excess food from events
  - Purchase organic and sustainable-grown produce and other foods
  - Purchase recycled content paper towels and toilet paper
  - Purchase from vendors and service providers with a commitment to the environment
  - Use 2-sided copying, electronic correspondence and forms, recycled content paper
  - Use "Green" cleaners, least toxic materials, and latex paint
  - Purchase durable furniture and equipment
  - Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
  - Preventive maintenance on all appliances, HVAC system, plumbing, and vehicles
  - Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides and use integrated pest management
  - Building is in "Adaptive Re-use" and landscaping is "historically accurate" native plants
- Styrofoam and Disposable Reduction.** Conference Centers are encouraged to minimize or eliminate the use of Styrofoam cups and plates in favor of products that are bio-based, paper, or recyclable.
  - Eliminate the use of Styrofoam
  - Use dishware and glassware to minimize disposables
  - Disposable containers made of recycled content

- Use non-bleached napkins and coffee filters
  - Use water pitchers to minimize single use bottles
  - ☑ **Water Efficiency.** Conference Centers must have a “plan” for conserving and using water efficiently.
    - Preventive maintenance on drips and leaks
    - High efficiency dishwashers
    - Encourage dry cleanup over water-based
    - Low flow toilets
    - Effective landscape management plan
    - Rain gardens
    - Minimization of impervious areas
  - ☑ **Energy Conservation.** Conference Centers must have a “plan” that encourages energy conservation and efficiency.
    - Tracking overall energy bills and set a numeric goal to reduce
    - High Efficiency compact fluorescent light bulbs in all canned spotlights and rooms
    - **LED Exit Signs**
    - High Efficiency Heating and Air Conditioning (HVAC)
    - Use of natural lighting and ceiling fans
    - Purchase **EnergyStar** computers and appliances
  - ☑ **Green Events Package.** Conference Centers must offer a “green” or “environmentally-friendly” package for conferences, meetings and other events.
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For more information on **Virginia Green** program, see [www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/viriniagreen](http://www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/viriniagreen). Click on “Conference Centers”.



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