



FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY



12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 927 • Fairfax, VA 22035-5500
703-324-8700 • Fax: 703-324-3974 • www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks

Information Release

Judy Pedersen, PIO

February 24, 2016

E-mail: parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov

IR-020

Inquiries: 703-324-8662

Environmental Honor to be Unveiled at Oak Marr RECenter

An Earth Day ceremony is planned to mark the unveiling of the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED Silver Designation Plaque at the Fairfax County Park Authority's Oak Mar RECenter.

Brief remarks are scheduled on April 22, 2016, at 10 a.m. to mark this special environmental recognition for the renovated Oakton facility. One of the Park Authority's newest building additions, the facility not only meets the Fairfax County sustainable initiative goals but also qualified for the LEED Silver rating. The addition was completed in 2015.

LEED, or Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design, is a green building certification program that recognizes best-in-class building strategies and practices. To receive LEED certification, building projects must satisfy prerequisites and earn points to achieve the various levels of certification.

The 10,000 square-foot addition at Oak Marr features such sustainable design elements as:

- A white-colored roof membrane, energy efficient and controllable HVAC equipment, energy efficient building insulation, low emissive glazing and LED lighting combined with occupancy sensors that contribute to an approximate 22 percent energy usage reduction.
- The implementation of xeriscaping, which is landscaping that reduces or eliminates the need for supplemental water from irrigation.
- A bioretention facility that cleans stormwater runoff.

In addition, approximately 20 percent of the materials used in the project came from recycled components. These features not only preserve natural resources and promote energy efficiency and conservation, they also yield cost savings to county taxpayers through reduced operating costs.

Oak Marr RECenter is located at 3200 Jermantown Road, Oakton, VA.

For additional information, please contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

###



If accommodations and/or alternative formats are needed, please call (703) 324-8563, at least 10 working days in advance of the registration deadline or event. TTY (703) 803-3354.