



## Take the Green Government Challenge

Click on "see background materials" to read a detailed description of each action. In addition, view examples, links and explanations of how to score points or partial points.	Total Possible Points	Points for Pre-2008 Actions	Points for 2008 Actions
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### Government Policy Adoption

1 Formal adoption of a sustainability plan, climate protection resolution, or similar commitment by the governing body <a href="#">See background materials</a>	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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### Energy Efficiency

2 Create an Energy Improvement Plan (EIP) <a href="#">See background materials</a>	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3 Register with the EPA's Energy Star Challenge and use their tools, or an equivalent system, to conduct a baseline emissions inventory of your government facilities <a href="#">See background materials</a>	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4 Conduct an energy audit of two or more of your government facilities and implement at least one recommendation <a href="#">See background materials</a>	10	Points ▾	Points ▾
5 Purchase electric power from renewable sources or install renewable energy technology (solar, wind, or geothermal) for use in government facilities. The total of purchased renewable energy and on-site produced renewable energy must equal at least 2.5% of the energy use of all government facilities <a href="#">See background materials</a>	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 Create a separate real-estate classification and lower tax rate for buildings that are 30% more efficient than required by building code (Code of Va. §58.1-3221.2) <a href="#">See background materials</a>	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7 Develop a policy to utilize energy efficient and dark sky compliant outdoor light fixtures <a href="#">See background materials</a>	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8 Establish an energy manager position/responsibility or management team within the government <a href="#">See background materials</a>	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### Green Building

9 Establish a policy of LEED certification for all new government facilities <a href="#">See background materials</a>	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10 Approve or build a LEED certified government or school building OR renovate an existing building to the LEED certified level. <a href="#">See background materials</a>	10	Points ▾	Points ▾

**Waste Management**

11	Implement an internal government program that reduces, reuses, and recycles paper, plastic and other materials <u>See background materials</u>	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Establish a procurement policy of a minimum of 30% post-consumer recycled content for everyday office paper use (consistent with the current federal government policy) <u>See background materials</u>	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Establish a community-wide recycling collection program <u>See background materials</u>	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Vehicles**

14	Adopt a "Green Fleet" policy that incorporates, at a minimum, the purchase of low emitting fuel-efficient vehicles for vehicle fleet replacement and the use of alternative fuels (biodiesel, natural gas, ethanol) in fleet operations <u>See background materials</u>	10	Points	10
15	Offer personal property tax break for low emitting fuel-efficient vehicles <u>See background materials</u>	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Land Use / Transportation**

16	Adopt land-use plans that allow higher-density development either near public transit nodes or in areas with existing infrastructure AND encourage mixed-use communities <u>See background materials</u>	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	Promote the use of permanent conservation easements on private property within your community and/or implement a permanent conservation easement on public land <u>See background materials</u>	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	Adopt a land use or development tool that preserves open space, farmland and forests such as Purchase of Development Rights (PDRs) or Transfer of Development Rights (TDRs) <u>See background materials</u>	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Water / Air Quality**

19	Develop and implement a plan for tree preservation & planting <u>See background materials</u>	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20	Adopt a Low Impact Development (LID) storm water management policy and/or Environmental Site Design (ESD) guidelines <u>See background materials</u>	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21	Adopt an anti-idling policy for school/government fleet vehicles <u>See background materials</u>	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Employee Incentives**

22	Provide employee benefits for ride sharing, walking, biking, or taking transit to work <u>See background materials</u>	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
23	Adopt a policy that a minimum of 20% of the eligible workforce should participate in alternative work schedules or telework by 2010 (consistent with the current VA State policy) <u>See background materials</u>	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Education / Community Participation**

24	Develop an employee education program on			
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policies/practices relating to the environment and energy conservation <u>See background materials</u>	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
25 Establish an advisory commission composed of local residents and business representatives to advise and assist the local governing board on policies and practices dealing with the environment and energy conservation <u>See background materials</u>	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
26 Develop and implement an education program for the local community dealing with the environment and energy conservation <u>See background materials</u>	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Schools**

27 Establish a Safe Routes to School program, which encourages walking and bicycling to neighborhood schools <u>See background materials</u>	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
28 Establish clubs dealing with the environment or energy conservation in at least half of your high schools. <u>See background materials</u>	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
29 Implement a program in one or more schools that connects students to local farms and/or local produce (such as the Farm to School program.) <u>See background materials</u>	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Innovation**

30 Innovations: <u>How to score # 30 / See background materials</u>			
1. Environmentally-safe, mosquito-eating fish, prior to 2008, 5 pts <input type="text" value="15"/>	25	<input type="text" value="15"/>	<input type="text" value="5"/>
2. Virginia Clean Marina, during 2008, 5 pts			
3. Farmers' Market, prior to 2008, 5 <input type="text" value="5"/>			

Group Totals	200	80	50
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**Grand Total: Pre-2008 Actions + 2008 Actions** **130**

To print a copy of your completed challenge, you must do so before clicking "submit."

**Green Tips**

Install low-flow toilets and showerheads.

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