



Association for Preservation Technology DC Chapter supports Green Apple Day of Service

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The [Association for Preservation Technology DC Chapter](#) is proud to support the USGBC Center for Green School's International Green Apple Day of Service Campaign. As advocates for historic properties in the DC area, APT DC's membership cares deeply for those greenest of green buildings - the ones that are already built! The majority of school structures in our nation's capital are historic properties in historically significant neighborhoods, but like many school districts around the US, the buildings suffer from chronically low school system budgets. Once prominent and stately structures are falling into disrepair at the sacrifice of some of our community's most vulnerable members, our children.

Historic Preservationists invest in the cultivation of our historic built environment to ensure a true and authentic sense of place for America's citizens. In *The Death and Life of Great American Cities*, Jane Jacobs states, "Cities have the capability of providing something for everybody, only because, and only when, they are created by everybody." This sense of developing community spirit through investment in our buildings is echoed in the Green School's Day of Service campaign. Taking simple steps to "green" the historic schools woven into the fabric of Washington DC, Maryland, and Virginia engages the community in the care of these significant structures while simultaneously bringing them full into the 21st century as healthy and energy efficient community centers.

The Center for Green school's motto "We learn here and where we learn matters" also rings true for preservationists everywhere. Our nation's historic school buildings matter for their past significance, their current role in children's lives, and their future potential to house generations of happy, healthy, kids. In support of greening our nation's existing school building stock for these future generations, APT DC members will be participating in DC area Green Schools Day of Service events on September 29th.

This year events at historic schools in the DC Metro area are scheduled at [Coolidge High School](#) (DC, built circa 1924), [Payne Elementary School](#) (DC, built circa 1885), [A. Mario Loiederman Middle School](#) (Silver Spring, built circa 1952), and [Francis Scott Key Elementary School](#) (Silver Spring, built circa 1954). These events and many others can be found using the project map on www.mygreenapple.org, and there's still time to create your own event if you don't see your neighborhood represented. Pull out your gardening gloves, hammers, and paintbrushes and join your fellow preservationists and community members in being a part of this inspiring campaign!

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