

Friday Roundup: State of our Schools Report Makes Headlines

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Here's our weekly collection of green building clips:

[Report: Half trillion needed to update schools](#), Associated Press. The [2013 State of our Schools Report](#) from USGBC's Center for Green Schools saw major coverage upon its release this week, as it brought to light the massive maintenance bill facing pre-K-12 schools in our nation. Among other outlets, American Public Media's "Marketplace" program [also covered the story](#), interviewing Center for Green Schools Director Rachel Gutter.

[Can Washington D.C. Become One of America's Greenest Cities?](#), EarthTechling. Washington recently released its Sustainable DC Plan, a 20-year road map with 32 goals, 31 targets and more than 140 actions that aim to make Washington the greenest in the nation.

[USGBC Offers New Tools for Investors to Track 'Green' Building](#), *National Real Estate Investor*. In an interview, USGBC Vice President of Research Chris Pyke explains how USGBC is making green building information more accessible and useful with the [Green Building Information Gateway](#), and how USGBC is helping the financial community invest in green space with the soon-to-be-launched FTSE-NAREIT-USGBC U.S. Green Real Estate Index.

['Green Schools' go on National Display](#), *Education Week*. "Sprout Space," a new sustainable modular classroom, is currently on display in Washington, D.C., at the National Building Museum as part of an exhibit on green schools.

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