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# WV Green Schools:

## The program that wasn't

- 2006, WVEEA was born
- 2007, the idea was born, but no takers
- 2008, Appalachian Regional Commission grant is awarded
- 2010, first annual National Green Schools Conference is held
- 2011, US Green Ribbon Schools program is announced
- 2011, WVDE signs intent to participate in USGRS

# What's in a name?

“Green”

versus

“Sustainability”

# A New Way of Doing Business

- Canaan Valley Institute
- Office of School Facilities
- Office of Curriculum and Instruction
- Office of Healthy Schools
- US Green Building Council, WV Chapter
- WV Department of Environmental Protection
- WV Division of Natural Resources
- WV Division of Energy
- WV School Building Authority
- Energy Efficient WV
- WV Sustainable Communities
- WV Environmental Education Association

# WVSS

## Here and Now

- 2012
  - Five schools apply, four schools nominated, two schools recognized
  - Three schools recognized at the state level for achievement in each pillar with an additional school recognized for overall achievement
- 2013
  - Two schools and one district apply
  - Two schools and one school recognized

# WVSS

## “What do we need resources for?”

- Another unfunded program
- Capacity building grant
  - Developed three year strategy
  - Basis for funding
- Appalachian Stewardship Foundation grant
  - Focus on energy education
  - Refine the meaning of “sustainability”

# Where do we go from here?

## FOCUS:

Build the capacity for schools to meet the criteria of USGRS.

## FOCUS:

Build the capacity and strengthen the network within the state.

## FOCUS:

Administer the WVSS and USGRS programs.

# Thank you!

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