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The Sustainability Park™ Opens in Virginia Brings New Businesses, New Technologies, New Jobs

Sustainability has been defined as “...the development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs...” (*World Commission on the Environment and Development*). Previously, industries seeking to utilize and capitalize on sustainable practices in their businesses forged ahead individually. With the opening of The Sustainability Park™, an industrial ecology park in Chester, Virginia, the need for this individualistic approach has become a thing of the past.

Brenda Robinson, Founder of The Sustainability Park™, announced today that the Park is up and running and, most importantly, open for business. “The opening of The Sustainability Park™ is such an important step in providing focus on and accelerating sustainable practices, not only in Virginia, but across the United States. It is our goal that The Sustainability Park™ and its collection of core manufacturers will provide new jobs, new technology, and new solutions – fostering innovation, hosting new generation manufacturing, securing joint venture partners, and introducing environmental technologies for widespread commercial use,” said Ms. Robinson.

Situated on 143 acres along the James River, The Sustainability Park™ offers tenants office space, laboratory space, warehouse space and manufacturing space. Planned or already committed business enterprises include: BioDiesel, Plastics Brokering, By-Products Brokering Network Company, BioEnergy, eWaste Recycler, Rubber Recycler, Styrofoam Recycler, Compost Manufacturer, and an Environmental Technology Small Business Incubator.

Though The Sustainability Park™ is the first of its kind, not only in Virginia, but throughout the US, there are already plans to duplicate the vision to key manufacturing areas throughout the country.

Ms. Robinson went on to say, “The vision here is to link industries that provide sustainable solutions to governments, municipalities, and other businesses in a symbiotic relationship that maximizes the synergies of the businesses together. I guess you could say it’s the old adage that the sum is greater than the parts.”

Tenants of the park will enjoy services such as buildings and grounds maintenance, janitorial services, security, executive office space, laboratory space, and IT support. The Sustainability Park™ offers easy access to major highways, as well as to ports, air, and rail. For additional information about the park, contact Brenda Robinson at 804.740.5605.