

Service Thread: First Certified Green Business in Scotland County!



Sustainable Sandhills is pleased to announce that the organization has certified its first “Green Business” in Scotland County. While the Certified Green Business Program has been active in many counties over the past few years, [Service Thread](#) is the first company to be certified in Scotland County.

“As the voice of business for Scotland County, we are excited and proud of Service Thread for taking the lead on an initiative we feel is critical to the continued success of the region,” stated Theresa Lamson, President of the [Laurinburg/Scotland County Area Chamber of Commerce](#). “As we look down the road at the future of business here in Scotland County, we feel we would be remiss if we did not ask our members to investigate more sustainable practices, as well efficiency and cost-effective methods of operation. Service Thread has long been a community leader, and their efforts in green certification come as no surprise.”



“A Link to the Future”

Service Thread, a manufacturer of technical yarns that are used as components of such products as plastic hoses, multi-wall bags, and lifting slings, has been a leader in the business community for over 50 years. Jay Todd, Chief Financial Officer of Service Thread, viewed a Sustainable Sandhills Green Business Certification as a perfect fit with the company’s philosophy of continuous improvement. “Service Thread has historically positioned itself to be forward-thinking and innovative,” Todd stated. “These are two characteristics that have awarded us global reach within the highly competitive textile industry.”



The 80 employees of Service Thread occupy a combined 223,000 square feet of office, manufacturing, and warehouse space in the company’s two sites located in Scotland County. Throughout the facilities, the company has replaced traditional lighting with energy efficient CFL bulbs, resulting in a 33% energy savings every month. Motion sensors along corridors in packing and warehouse areas keep energy use at a minimum. Office staff is also instructed in waste reduction and recycling, further reducing the overall environment impact of the company.

In addition to current measures, Service Thread has several upcoming projects that focus on sustainability. Representing a first in the area, the company will complete a 10kw solar

installation in October and a 250kw third-party-owned system will be installed on the roof of their Laurinburg Warehouse and Distribution Facility in the coming year. In partnership with Richmond Community College, Service Thread has also applied for a North Carolina Department of Energy Grant for an additional 75kw, \$422,000 solar installation in order to use this solar site as a real-world training center for green jobs programs.

Working closely with the Laurinburg/Scotland Chamber of Commerce, Sustainable Sandhills has started implementing the Green Business Program throughout Scotland County, and plans to certify many more businesses and organizations in the future. "The partnership we have developed with Sustainable Sandhills will bring long term benefits to our business environment and our community as a whole," stated Lamson. "Creating a sustainable work/life model for Scotland County could potentially increase our local economic impact, our quality of life and our visibility as a progressive community."

About the Sustainable Sandhills Green Business Program:

Green businesses reduce waste, promote recycling, become energy and water efficient, purchase eco-friendly products, and educate their employees and customers about the multiple benefits of a sustainable community. For more information about how your business can become a [Sustainable Sandhills Certified Green Business](#) today, please contact your Green Business Coordinator:

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