



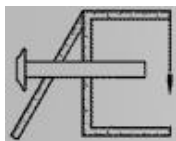
Conserving our natural resources through education, demonstration, and collaboration.

FOURTEEN Green Businesses Recertified!



The [Sustainable Sandhills Green Business Program](#) is once again in full swing, and our green business intern Celestine Raineri and Sustainability Coordinator Kea Meacham have been very busy recertifying businesses throughout the Sandhills. Below is a summary of the **FOURTEEN** businesses that have been recently recertified, as well as some of the measures they take to be more sustainable.

Since these businesses are certifying for the second time with the SS Green Business Program, their certifications last for two whole years! We want to thank all of our Certified Green Businesses for being community leaders. Keep up the good work!



**AVERETTE ENGINEERING
CO, P.A.**

[Averette Engineering Co., P.A.](#)

has been in business for over 40 years and was the first Sustainable Sandhills Certified Green Business in Hoke County. The engineers at Averette lower their environmental impact by limiting use of paper products, recycling, and even walking to work.



[Cartridge World](#) is located in Westwood Shopping Center and is all about recycling! The whole premise of the business is to reuse, recycle, and remanufacture toner cartridges. They also recycle other materials and strive to be as energy efficient as possible.

[The Cumberland County Public Utilities](#)

[Department](#) is a one woman office in charge of planning, development, and implementation of programs to expand and extend water and sanitary sewer services to the unincorporated areas of the county. Ms. Amy Hall works hard to recycle, purchase products in bulk to reduce packaging, is energy efficient, and has even educated the building's cleaning staff about her eco-friendly preferences.



[CTS Cleaning Systems, Inc.](#) is located near downtown Fayetteville and specializes in cleaning applications via pressure washers, parts washers, and recycling equipment. The employees at CTS are aware of the detriment of urban runoff, and make a conscious effort to reduce energy usage at the facility. The facility also has its own water refinement pond so it does not use potable water unnecessarily.



The [East Regional Branch Library](#) is located on Clinton Road and is the newest library in the Cumberland County system. The library utilizes energy efficient lighting, energy and water conservation methods, and sustainable landscaping practices in their efforts to be greener.

[The Fayetteville Observer](#)

is the oldest North Carolina newspaper still being published, but its ways are

not archaic. The Fayetteville Observer employs many environmentally conscious practices, including using soy-based inks, recycling, carpooling, minimizing purchasing, raising the thermostat to reduce AC use, retrofitting lighting, and using more sustainable landscaping practices.





The Hampton Inn in Spring Lake is in close proximity to Fort Bragg and Pope Army Air Field and primarily caters to military guests. Their sustainable practices include recycling, reduced lighting, and programmable thermostats in every room.

The Holiday Inn Express in Spring Lake's green practices are a part of the building itself, with recycled content floors that are maintained using biodegradable cleansers and window films that reduce solar gain. In addition, they strive to recycle and reduce waste.



Hedgecoe Dentistry, located in Fayetteville, pioneered the Green Business Certification process for other dental and medical facilities in the Sustainable Sandhills' region.



Some of their sustainable practices include the use of on-site recycling to include medical refuse, use of non-toxic biodegradable cleaners and low toxicity pesticides, energy and water conserving retrofits, and installation of programmable thermostats and window film to cut solar gain.



The Hope Mills Branch Library is built on four acres of land with plenty of room to walk, play outside, or just enjoy nature's beauty. Going green resources are available at the circulation desk and the library uses natural lighting, webinars to reduce carbon emissions from travel, and recycles.



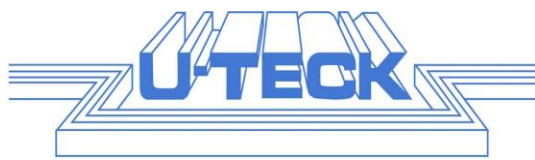
The **Partnership for Children** of Cumberland County is a nonprofit organization which serves as the administrator for Smart Start and the NC Pre-Kindergarten Program. Their sustainable practices include recycling, use of EnergyStar-certified equipment and appliances, purchase of recycled paper

products, biodegradable cleaners, low VOC paint products and applicable office supplies, plant-based pesticides, use of fuel-efficient vehicles for the organization, and landscaping that does not require irrigation.

[Service Thread](#), a manufacturer of technical yarns, has been a leader in the business community for over 50 years. In addition to their effort to promote energy efficiency, waste reduction, and recycling



within the facility, the company completed a 10kw solar installation and leased rooftop space for a [250kw third-party-owned system](#). Service Thread is not only conserving energy in-house, but helping to produce energy from renewable resources that is used elsewhere.



[U-Teck](#), located in Downtown Fayetteville, produces many tools and utilities used by the City of Fayetteville. All of the cleaning chemicals at U-Teck are green certified, employees are conscious about recycling and U-Teck has become more energy efficient by converting light sources to high efficiency lamps, using natural light, and turning computers off when not in use.



[ZipQuest](#), which just celebrated its first full year of business, is designed educate people about nature through a zipline adventure. Many of the green practices employed by ZipQuest are remnants of its construction. Few trees were removed, and those that were can still be found on the property as parking lot blocks and benches. Much of the landscape was undisturbed, with no plumbing installed and rescue routes designed to reduce soil erosion.

*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 our Green Business Coordinators: In Moore, Montgomery, Richmond, and Scotland Counties - **Kea Meacham** (910.639.3983); In Cumberland, Hoke, Harnett, and Lee Counties - **Celestine Raineri** (910.484.9098).*