



Grassroots Democracy  
 Social Justice  
 Ecological Wisdom  
 Nonviolence  
 Decentralization  
 Community-based Economics  
 Gender Equity  
 Respect for Diversity  
 Personal and Global Responsibility  
 Future Focus and Sustainability

**“For an  
 Independent Voice in  
 Government,  
 Not the Lesser of  
 Two Evils”**

*“The rational  
 alternative”*

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 Over Profit**

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In addition to our presence in over 70 countries around the globe, The Green Party is now the largest and most active of all minor parties in America, with hundreds of elected office holders and strong local organizations in all 50 states. We encourage citizen participation in democracy. **Why not join us?**

The Piedmont Green Party proudly serves the Virginia counties of Culpeper, Fauquier, Orange, Rappahannock, Madison, and Greene.

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**Should we have a voice in government, independent of corporate and party control?**

**Do you think there needs to be better choices than just two parties?**

**Do you support alternative modes of transportation, and energy independence through sustainable means?**

**Do you believe that our public lands should be protected from pollution and deforestation?**

**Would you like to see your money stay in the community, instead of going to chain store monopolies and their CEOs?**

**Are you concerned that real solutions are not being implemented due to the influence that big-money lobbying has on our elected representatives?**

*Are you ready to take back your democracy?*

*If so, we invite you to join us.  
 We're the ...*



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## Who Are The Greens?

The Greens are both a political party and a community organization. We're ordinary citizens who have said "enough is enough!" Every corporate merger that goes unchallenged, every construction permit that gets rubber-stamped, every subsidy and corporate tax break that slips into law unnoticed, all reduce our control over the decisions that affect our lives. Let's keep our resources in the community, and use them to solve local problems. We shopping, growing and eating local.

## What do we want?

### Getting Big Money OUT of Politics

It is time to end corporate and two-party control of our elections and public officials. We'll support publicly-financed elections, oppose "soft money", and reform ballot access laws, while pushing for media reforms which give equal time to all candidates.

### Ending Corporate Handouts

Every year \$200 billion of our tax money is given away to corporations in handouts. The working people and small businesses bear the largest tax burden while corporations and the rich get tax loopholes, all while passing on to us consumers the regulatory fines that are imposed. This must end.

### Citizen Participation

To achieve democracy, it is essential that the public participate in government decision making. Help us motivate ordinary Americans to register and vote, and inform them how to contact their legislators regularly to voice their opinions.

### Labor Rights

Labor rights have been decimated by corporations and their bought politicians. Help us expand and enforce current laws to protect workers rights and ensure democratic control of the unions. Everyone needs a guaranteed living wage so that working families can escape the cycle of poverty and live in dignity.

### A Healthy Environment

We must move toward an ecologically sustainable society. Help us conserve and protect our natural resources, and free them from the hazards of toxic dumping, pesticides and herbicides, genetically engineered contamination, and global warming. We must strengthen and enforce environmental regulations.

### Non-Commercial Schooling

Let us return our public schools to places of learning and oppose the commercialization and privatization of our schools. Let's invest in our children, and thereby our future, by providing universal health care for all.

### Urban Renaissance

Let us make major investments in our cities to rebuild and revitalize our urban centers, control urban sprawl and create a tax policy which encourages city improvement. We must also green our cities, favoring pedestrians, bicyclists, and mass transit. To lower demand for new roads, we need zoning policies which allow for residential and small business coexistence.

### Social Justice & Civil Liberty

Our communities must work together to protect our civil liberties. We must celebrate diversity and fight to prevent racism, class oppression, sexism, homophobia, and discrimination based on disability. We must stop police brutality and racial profiling, halt the production and privatization of prisons, and end the failed drug war.

### Reforming the WTO, IMF, GATT, NAFTA, and the World Bank

Let us evaluate the effect trade agreements have on *all* people, not just the benefits to large corporations, and open up the decision-making powers to the public.

### Consumer Rights

Endless fees imposed by banking, telecommunications, healthcare, and other industries are supposed to be reduced when competition exists. Have you seen any rate reductions lately? Let's fight against mergers and expose backroom price-fixing and non-compete agreements. Let's work toward more transparency in corporate boards, to help shareholders vote against anti-consumer decisions and practices.

## How do we get there?

- By encouraging our members and communities to follow the 10 Key Values listed at front.
- Working on community issues like mass transit, neighborhood rights, homelessness, recycling programs, and labor rights.
- Insisting upon enforcement of local environmental regulations and comprehensive anti-sprawl plans.
- Fielding ballot initiatives and referenda, and
- challenging restrictive election laws.
- Standing up to be counted. Registering as Green Party members, and running candidates.

## What you can do:

- **Make copies of this brochure** and distribute them in your neighborhood and workplace.
- **Join your local Green Party.** The Piedmont branch meets regularly. Contact us for details or check website.
- **Join our email lists**, to keep up with what we're doing locally.
- **Register as a Green Party of Virginia member.** It's vital that we show our strength in order to run candidates. Just visit : [piedmontgreens.com](http://piedmontgreens.com) and click join for free
- **Consider making a financial contribution.** Unlike the Republican and Democratic parties, the Green Party doesn't take PAC or corporate money. Checks can be written out to The Piedmont Green Party c/o 201 Spring St Culpeper, VA. 22701. OR securely online at our website
- **Help us keep a watchful eye on local government** — join us in attending city and county commission meetings.