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Union City Fire Station a Green Treasure in Georgia's Renewable Roadshow

Union City, GA—Georgia can be a leader in a clean and efficient energy economy if it steps up to the plate. This was the message on display at Fire Station #1 today in Union City. Between solar hot water, solar photovoltaics and smart energy efficient building techniques the station earned a spot on Environment Georgia's Renewable Roadshow. The group will use the Roadshow to uncover clean energy treasures across Georgia.

"There is no question that Georgia can put people to work and power our state with clean and efficient energy but there is a lot of push to take us in the opposite direction" said Emily Thomas Energy Associate with Environment Georgia. "Right now utility companies want to invest in a coal plant in Washington County, we need clean energy leaders like those here today to make a clean energy economy a reality."

Environment Georgia used the event as an opportunity to recognize and thank local Congressman David Scott for his 'yes' vote several months earlier on the American Clean Energy and Security Act (ACES). The legislation would use incentives, a renewable energy and energy efficiency standard and a carbon cap to help move Georgia towards a cleaner energy future.

"This station is a clear example of the type of action Congress is trying to incentivize under the ACES legislation," said Congressman David Scott. "We need more people to take the proactive steps to increase efficiency and reduce their carbon footprint that this fire station has taken, in order to create a better future for planet. It is my hope that with passage of climate change legislation in Congress, we send the right signals and provide the right resources to help those who want to take action to make a positive impact on our environment."

The clean energy features on display at Union City Fire Station #1 include: solar panels for the production of electricity and hot water, low energy appliances and lighting, and improved insulation to reduce heating & cooling expenses

"It is great to come to work everyday and know that we're not only protecting Union City from fires but also doing our part to reduce our reliance on dirty sources of energy," said Fire Chief Collins.

The event was the first stop in Environment Georgia's Renewable Roadshow which seeks to highlight some of the best examples of Georgia's xyz. Compared to other states Georgia falls behind but as the Roadshow proves not for a lack of renewable resources or know how.

"Being a 'Clean Energy Mayor' is a no brainer," said Mayor Ralph Moore. "Fire Station # 1 is saving Union City and taxpayers money while also saving the environment—I look forward to putting energy efficiency and solar power to work throughout Union City."

Environment Georgia is a statewide citizen-based environmental group that works to protect Georgia's air, water, and green spaces.