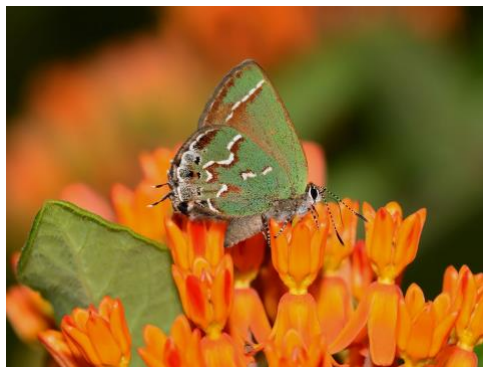


Virginia Pollinator Smart Program

The emerging solar power industry holds in its hands an extraordinary opportunity as decision-makers, engineers and designers consider the impact of their facilities on the landscape. Expertly crafted mixes of native plants can transform a solar facility into a thriving ecosystem that supports pollinator species, birds, and other wildlife, while enhancing facility economic efficiencies.

The **Virginia Department of Environmental Quality** and **Department of Conservation and Recreation** have developed the **Virginia Pollinator-Smart Program**, an ecologically-responsible program to encourage pollinator friendly solar energy developments throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.



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Gold Certified Cople Elementary School Solar Facility in Westmoreland, County (developed by SunTribe). Photo is after first growing season.

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