



## Green Party of Virginia

Welcome!

Thank you for joining the Green Party of Virginia! With your support, we are able to give voters in Virginia a corporate-free, grassroots alternative to the corporate two-party system. Each November, through the collective efforts and funding of our members, the Green Party is able to run and support candidates at all levels of government. Every member that joins us and every vote makes a difference by building power in the GPVA in numbers as well as toward enduring ballot access and matching public funds.

The Green Party is both a political party and an ecosocial movement based on the 4 Pillars of Democracy, Ecological Wisdom, Social Justice and Peace. Change has historically come from pressures outside a political power system. Many of our members are also activists who join with locals and groups in our communities on the front lines in support of issues that align with our values and goals reflected in our platform and a real Green New Deal for people, planet and peace over profit.

Joining us means joining a network of support around the world. You are part of a global family, the Global Greens, which includes dozens of nation parties, and hundreds of individual locals. You are also joining the history of thousands of activists worldwide who have been a part of building a growing Green Wave in international politics and attaining national party status in the US over the last 20 years.

Linked here is the GPVA Site Tour which will give you an overview of our Ten Key Values, history, policies, goals and the ins and outs of electoral politics in Virginia in order to help you decide where your talents and unique abilities fit best within the GPVA. We are here for support and to help answer any questions you may have as well as open to hearing new ideas. Let's get started! [http://www.vagreenparty.org/site\\_tour](http://www.vagreenparty.org/site_tour)



### How You Can Get Involved

The most important part of the Green Party is you, because our members are what makes the Green Party work. As a grassroots, bottom-up organization, we rely heavily on locals and their members to guide the state and national parties. We don't "take orders" from the top; we take them from you, the membership. The state party is there to help provide organization and support - decision-making stems from the affiliated locals. The national party serves to establish a national Green presence in politics and policy debate while continuing to facilitate party growth.

So where to begin? First, register and stay in touch in order to keep up to date with the latest happenings in the state party: <http://www.vagreenparty.org/user/register>.

Second, follow us on Twitter @vagreenparty, and like our page on Facebook @GreenPartyOfVirginia. We also have a closed "Green Party of Virginia: Issues and Discussion" Facebook group that you can join where you can share information and speak with Greens across the state. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/vagreens/?ref=share>

Finally, find your local! If you do not know which local you belong to, that information can be found under the 'Contact' tab on our webpages, then click 'Contacts for Affiliated Locals of the Green Party of Virginia' and find the local closest to you: <http://www.vagreenparty.org/contacts>  
 If there is no local close to you, you can become an At-Large member or email our state co-chairs about starting your own! You should then contact your local Co-chair to find out how to become a member of that local.

Once you've reviewed the basic information provided here and found your local, there are many things you can do to help grow the GPVA. Here is a short list:

- Recruit additional members
- Help your local plan events
- Raise funds
- Support local candidates or consider running for office yourself
- Join one of the many state party committees that work on internal issues ranging from our website to outreach
- Help us get on the ballot each Presidential election year by collecting petition signatures.  
 Contact our current ballot access coordinator at [ryan.wesdock@gmail.com](mailto:ryan.wesdock@gmail.com) for more info.

Again, welcome! Please let us know if you have questions or comments!

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