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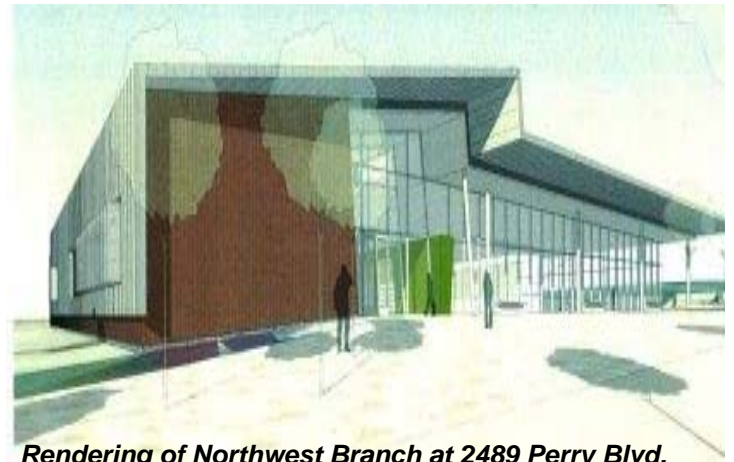
County Library “LEEDs” the way on environment

Fulton County libraries are leading the way when it comes to providing not only quality reading and learning environments, but quality health environments too. The Library System is engaged in a \$275 million building program, funded by a library bond referendum approved by Fulton County voters in 2008.

One of the County’s eight new libraries is the Northwest Regional branch, which is planned to open early this summer.

All of the buildings are LEED “silver” certified (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) by the U.S. Green Building Council

“We’re never going to construct buildings the way we used to,” said Belinda Morrow, president of 2M Design Consultants, lead contractor for environmental services on the Library construction project.



Rendering of Northwest Branch at 2489 Perry Blvd.

“LEED certified buildings let people know that when they enter a building it has excellent indoor air quality, is energy efficient, and they won’t get sick because of toxic materials,” Morrow said.

Morrow is the special guest on the upcoming “Mighty 6 Conversations” television program seen on FGTV on Comcast Cable or on-demand at www.emmadarnell.com.

“We believe that healthy minds, need healthy environments in which to learn, and our new and renovated libraries are GETTING IT DONE,” said District 6 Commissioner Emma I. Darnell.

Mass transit key to accessing green jobs MARTA left out of \$900 million transportation bill

Fulton County residents, who were counting on getting their share of the \$900 million state transportation allocation, were deeply disappointed when the General Assembly adjourned last week. MARTA received no new *guaranteed* money for improving public transportation in Fulton, DeKalb and Clayton counties.

Some legislators had agreed to allow voters in those three counties to raise the MARTA sales tax from one percent to 1.5 percent which would have generated up to \$200 million per year for transportation. However, the end result: *no new money* for MARTA.

“Transportation remains key for people who seek good jobs that are long distances from their homes and it is critical for getting people to the new green jobs,” said Commissioner Emma I. Darnell.

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Conversations

**Special guest: Belinda Morrow, president of
2M Design Consultants, the lead contractor
for the Fulton County Library Construction
LEED Silver Program.**

**Watch Monday, April 13 through
Sunday, April 19, on Comcast Cable’s
FGTV Channel and also on-demand at
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Events you don't want to miss to keep your community healthy

Saturday, April 18, 8 a.m. Bulky Trash & Secure Shredding Recycling Day

**Merk Road Transfer Station
3225 Merk Road, College Park GA 30349, 404-629-1700 - Open until 4:30 p.m.**

**Creel Park
2775 Creel Road, College Park, GA 30349, 770-996-4189**

**South Fulton Service Center
5600 Stonewall Tell Road, College Park, GA 30349, 770-774-7500**

Wednesday, April 22, 4 p.m. Earth Day

**Southwest Library Branch, 3665 Cascade Road, Atlanta 30331
In celebration of Arbor Day plant your seeds to grow a tree of plants.
Bring your own seeds or use the seeds provided by library. Ages 3-11.**

Thursday, April 23. 10:30 a.m. Celebrate Earth Day: A Workshop for Children

**College Park Library Branch, 3647 Main Street, College Park 30337
The Department of Public Works will conduct a special workshop for children in recognition of Earth Day.
Ages 4 to10. Reservations required. For information, call 404-762-4060**

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