



## Food Lion Receives LEED® Silver Certification for Williamsburg, VA., Store

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**Grocer Welcomes Customers to Celebrate the New Designation at Store on May 24**

### Public Company Information:

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Food Lion announced today that its Williamsburg, Va., store has been awarded a LEED® Silver certification. The grocer invites its customers to a special certification ceremony at the store located on 7537 Richmond Road at 2 p.m. tomorrow, May 24.

The Williamsburg, Va., store features a number of environmentally friendly construction and energy-efficient services, including an on-site recycling center, an educational kiosk and preferred parking for carpool vehicles.

Established by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) and verified by the Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI), LEED is the nation's preeminent program for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings. By using less energy and water, certified LEED buildings save money for families, businesses and taxpayers; reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and contribute to a healthier environment for residents, workers and the larger community.

"At Food Lion, we are committed to protecting the environment and reducing energy consumption through green building construction, and we are especially proud to have received this recognition at our Williamsburg, Va., store," said Kyle Mitchell, vice president of store development for Delhaize America South. "We are honored to be recognized for these efforts and look forward to identifying other opportunities to build LEED stores and continuing to further reduce our energy consumption."

The store was LEED Silver certified on March 29. The company opened its first LEED certified grocery store in Columbia, S.C., and the Columbia store has since also received the silver level of certification. Food Lion also has two other LEED Stores in Fayetteville, N.C., and Hope Mills, N.C.

The Food Lion LEED stores in Williamsburg, Va., features a number of environmentally-friendly features, including:

- LED lighting in the frozen food cases
- Bike racks and preferred parking for carpool vehicles
- Low-flow and sensor-activated water fixtures in restrooms
- Rainwater harvesting system that captures rainwater from the roof and reuses it for irrigation
- Environmental education kiosks with signage
- A significant amount of building materials that contain a high amount of recycled content".
- CO2 Sensors located throughout the store
- Energy-efficient roof
- In-store customer and associate recycling programs

Food Lion has one of the most advanced retail energy conservation programs in the country. For more than a decade, Food Lion has been dedicated to numerous sustainability initiatives, such as energy conservation and reducing carbon dioxide emissions throughout its 10-state footprint, reducing its energy consumption by more than 28 percent since 2000 or 2.78 trillion BTUs. Food Lion is also involved in a number of environmentally-friendly initiatives, including recycling significant amounts of paper and plastic every year and encouraging customers to use reusable bags.

### About Food Lion

Food Lion, based in Salisbury, N.C., is a company of Delhaize America, the U.S. division of Brussels-based Delhaize Group (NYSE: DEG) and operates more than 1,100 supermarkets. The company employs approximately 57,000 associates delivering quality products, low prices and service to customers in 10 Southeastern and Mid-Atlantic states. For more information, visit [www.foodlion.com](http://www.foodlion.com).

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