PROGRAM OVERVIEW
The USGBC-Illinois Chapter and the National Center for Green Schools is inviting communities to take action on campuses around the world for the second annual Green Apple Day of Service, September 28, 2013. On this day, we are encouraging K-12 and College/University students, teachers, and administrators to devise a school sustainability project, and work with community volunteers to create positive environmental change. USGBC-Illinois is also inviting professional members of the green building community to serve as volunteer mentors for each project. Mentors will provide planning support, and work with schools to prepare successful one day or yearlong events.

PROJECTS & PROCESS
Each participating school will identify a low or no cost project that fulfills an unmet environmental need, and submit an application. Schools may propose a wide variety of projects—from planting school gardens, to collaborating on clean-ups, to hosting e-waste recycling drives—or they may customize a project to meet local goals.

1. Schools: Identify a service project. (View Project Suggestions)
2. Schools: Select a program path & submit online application.
3. USGBC-Illinois pairs each school with one or more mentors (based on program needs, skills & location).

RESULTS
While the immediate impact of these service projects may result in energy/water savings, cleaner air, or healthier learning environments; USGBC-Illinois hopes that the Green Apple Day of Service will create a lasting awareness of the importance of green schools, and catalyze a movement that fosters an attitude among youth and future generations to appreciate and model sustainable practices.