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Performance artist J.J. McCracken releases sand through a vial at Dark Star Park during last weekend's SuperNova arts project.

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### Performance Art

J.J. McCracken gives a 24-hour performance piece — “the still point” — at the Dark Star Park. Each hour McCracken fills and releases sand through a vial. She walks into park through a tunnel filled with ticking clocks. Then she moves her two assistants Sinda McCracken and Elle Brande standing in a bucket of concrete one foot. This procedure continues for 24 hours. She began her performance 5 p.m. Friday and ended on 5 p.m. Saturday. The performance is part of Rosslyn's Supernova arts project June 7-9.

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Assistants Sinda McCracken and Elle Brande stand in a bucket of concrete for the 24-hour performance by J.J. McCracken.

# Clearing the Air

## Arlington celebrates reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

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Residents in Arlington County can breathe easier now that the government has accomplished one of its major goals for the decade, reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the county government. County leaders recently announced that the goal of reducing emissions from government operations by 10 percent has been accomplished ahead of schedule. Late last month, Arlington officials announced the county had achieved a reduction of 11.7 percent in its emissions, even as its services and facilities increased.

“This is an important milestone in Arlington's efforts to build a more sustainable future for all our residents and businesses,” said County Board Chairman Walter Tejada. “The county has made great strides in improving the energy efficiency of our buildings and of our fleet and

**“Additional headwinds of new large county facilities and continued expansion of the transit system will present new challenges to future carbon reductions.”**

— County Manager  
Barbara Donnellan

services, and we will continue to look for ways to reduce emissions and reduce spending on energy.”

Back in 2007, County Board members set a goal of reducing the level of greenhouse emissions, which cause a greenhouse effect and contribute to global warming. The goal was to reduce emissions by 10 percent over the course of a decade. Now, six years later, the county is reporting a decrease in net emission from government activities of 11.7 percent between 2000 and 2012. County officials say the decrease came at a time when Arlington added two new fire stations, two new libraries and a community center. In the last decade, the government's total building space increased 17 percent to almost 2.4 million square feet.

“Arlington faced a significant challenge in achieving our goal,” said County Manager Barbara Donnellan in a memo to County Board members. “The county's multifaceted approach to reducing greenhouse gas emissions offers valuable lessons for achieving future reductions as County services and operations continue to grow.”

If Arlington had not implemented the emissions-reduction measures, Donnellan said, the county's carbon footprint would have grown by 25 percent to more than 73,000 met

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# Finding One's Calling

## Local nursing student finds career path during service project in Kenya.

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College is a time of figuring out what you want to do with the rest of your life.

Nursing student Kiley Scott found her passion in public health after providing health care to individuals living in the slums of Korogocho and Baba Dogo in Nairobi, Kenya through Chamberlain College of Nursing Arlington campus' International Nursing Service Project.

The International Nursing Service Project is a two-to-three-week service project that can be done in place of the school's required multiculturalism and community health courses.

This year's trip ran from April 27 until May 12. “It was a definite change in culture. When we arrived in Nairobi at 8 a.m., it was crazy traffic. There



Kiley Scott with children in Kenya.

were lots of people walking to work and other places. It actually reminded me a lot of D.C.,” she said.

According to Scott, this trip to Kenya showed her

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