



## **Massanutten Military Academy Goes Green**

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One local school is in the beginning stages of going green.

Massanutten Military Academy is taking steps to improve the school's heating and air conditioning system and Head of School Craig Jones hopes the upgrades will also improve the school's appeal.

"As our competitors improve their facilities, we believe that as the living environment, air conditioning in the dorms will help our enrollment. It'll also help us with summer programs. There will be a lot more opportunities for us to have sports camps, educational programs during the summer time, better living environments with air conditioning in the summer. So, we think it is going to expand a lot of opportunities for us," says Jones.

Opportunities like saving money. The \$3.1 million energy upgrade to four dormitories, the dining hall, and the gymnasium will mean \$6.7 million in savings over a decade.

Richard Kinkead who oversees the project says the upgrades are currently underway and some buildings have already installed the new systems.

"The cost savings are the energy savings that we obtain through the equipment upgrades, the energy upgrades, the lighting upgrades. All that will pay back the cost of the equipment and the program over a 15 year period," says Kinkead.

As for the students at the academy, the new system is a sign that the university is growing in other ways. "They just know, that things are improving in the facilities is a reflection with the way things are improving with programs as well. So the kids are excited," says Jones.

The project is scheduled to be completed at the first of the year.

The initiative to go green is also entering the classrooms at the academy. Teachers are incorporating those lessons into some of their science and business curricula.