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Benedict learning center to get eco-friendly makeover

Efforts to turn Benedict College's Community Learning Center into an environmentally friendly facility gets under way today.

A groundbreaking ceremony to launch Project SUSTAIN – Sustainable Urban Services to Advance Independent Neighborhoods – will be held at 1:30 p.m. today at 1903 Two Notch Road.

Funded through a \$600,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the renovation will include green features such as re-circulated air, modular carpet, porous landscaping and natural lighting.

Additionally, the building will be powered by a hydrogen fuel cell donated by Engenuity South Carolina.

Operated by the Benedict-Allen Community Development Corp., programs offered at the facility will include FDIC's Money Smart Adult Financial Literacy Curriculum, YouthBuild-Columbia job readiness training for young adults 16-24 years of age, homebuyer education and other community empowerment activities.

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