Green Technology Center (GTC)

Previously known as the ITEC (Industrial Technology Education Center)

The Green Technology Center is scheduled to be built on the former site of the Watsonville Public Library, next to the existing Watsonville Center.

Students will learn skills for “green” (energy efficient) construction such as solar technology, renewable/recycled building materials, and the basics of mechanical, electrical and hydraulic systems to work in building, mechanical and agricultural-related fields.

The GTC will also serve as a teaching facility for the greater community, built to platinum-level LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standards, the highest that exist. The GTC will be the only platinum-level LEED building in Santa Cruz County. The building will showcase several alternative energy systems and will be constructed to the latest standards of energy efficient design.

The GTC is scheduled to begin construction in July, 2010 and classes are planned to start in spring 2012.