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SAVE WHERE YOU BORROW - BORROW WHERE YOU SAVE



Earth Day is April 22, 2025. You can incorporate eco-friendly and energy-efficient products into your home renovation ideas, especially those green solutions that are easily available and affordable. Sustainable home improvements can not only reduce your impact, but they can also improve your health and well-being while racking up energy savings. A whole new market has emerged for eco-friendly home improvements. These products and renovations will help make every area of your home more energy efficient, from the roof to the floors. Paying for eco-friendly home improvements doesn't have to be a burden — even if you're on a limited budget. There are many ways to finance home renovations that will allow you to profit in the long term. With such a wide range of energy-efficient products and ways to go green it's just a matter of choosing which one will benefit your home the most.

CONTACT US TO DISCUSS FINANCING OPTIONS TO BEGIN YOUR ECO-FRIENDLY HOME IMPROVEMENTS 234-352-1100 or 888-740-8351

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 5 Resources to Build Financial Literacy/Monthly Spending Plan Webinar

Savings & Loan Policies







Are you one of many people who have created a spending plan in the past and had trouble sticking to it? If so, you are not alone!

Our partners at GreenPath are hosting a webinar to guide you through the process to create a plan for where you want and need your dollars to go each month.

April 30th at 2:00 P.M. E.S.T. Register Now

5 Resources to Build Financial Literacy

According to most definitions, the term financial literacy refers to understanding how to effectively manage household finances, handle debt, create a budget, and build savings.

Working toward financial literacy is the foundation of your relationship with money and can set you up for a lifetime of financial health and wellness.

As a trusted national nonprofit, GreenPath can be part of your lifelong journey to financial literacy, especially in the areas of managing personal finances, budgeting, saving, and managing debt.

Listed below are some financial resources to enhance financial literacy.

- 1. <u>Financial Terms Glossary</u>: The basics of financial literacy start with some definitions. Understanding terms like interest rates, compound interest, balloon payments, secured vs. unsecured debt and other concepts help you get a working knowledge of personal finances, from understanding the steps to take to finance a car to managing consumer credit cards.
- 2. <u>Financial Calculators</u>: A healthy financial future begins with an understanding of your current situation. Online financial calculators help you run the numbers and answer questions related to financing your home or the impact of interest on any outstanding credit card debt.
- 3. <u>Financial Wellness Resources</u>: Financial literacy is about having good information at your fingertips. Much of that education is available online, but it's important to tap into trusted resources. As an example, as a trusted national nonprofit, GreenPath makes available a library of resources including worksheets and guides about managing finances, setting a simple spending plan or prioritizing expenses.
- 4.<u>On-Demand Webinars</u>: For convenience and ease-of-use, you can't beat on-demand educational webinars showcasing personal finance topics. GreenPath offers a comprehensive library of educational webinars to view on your own schedule. From budgeting, managing student loans, building credit, as well as other topics, free access to the educational webinars gets you well on your way to financial literacy.
- 5. <u>Credit Report Review</u>: Studies show 1 in 3 Americans never check their credit report yet knowing credit history is key to financial literacy. Regularly monitoring your credit can alert you to errors, protect you from fraud, and provide important information to strengthen your credit score. GreenPath's NFCC-certified credit counselors can walk you through a free review of your credit report. You'll understand how to read your report and how credit scoring works.

Key to Success

Financial literacy is the key to success when it comes to managing your money.

As a national nonprofit, GreenPath Financial Wellness provides free one-on-one financial guidance with certified counselors. You'll improve your financial literacy with credit card debt counseling, student loan counseling, housing counseling, foreclosure mitigation, and debt management counseling.

This article is shared by our partners at GreenPath Financial Wellness, a trusted national non-profit.

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Shares.....\$170,689,302

Loans......\$26,599,794

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GreenPath Financial Wellness

As a valued member, we provide you with access to certified financial and housing experts, who will empower you to eliminate financial stress, get out of debt, increase savings, and achieve your financial goals

and achieve your financial goals.
Contact GreenPath today! Simply call **877-337-3399**.
Hours are Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. (ET), Friday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. You can also visit them at www.greenpath.com/wellness.

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DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.





ANNUAL MEETING

The Credit Union held its 64th Annual

Meeting on March 24, 2025 at Guy's Party Center in Akron, Ohio. 106 members enjoyed great food and lots of door prizes. The following incumbents were re-elected by acclamation to three year terms on the Board of Directors: Denise Gazdacko, Joseph Malboeuf, and John Buckley

SECURED LOANS	Annual Rate	Terms	Minimum Payment	per	Amount and Conditi	ions Requirements	
Regular Share Pledged	5.50%	Up to 72 months	\$1,000		None	95% of Pledged Shares	
Term Shares Pledged	3.50% See Note	Up to 36 months Balloon			None	Rate is 3.5% over term	
Term Shares Fleagea						share rate	
New Vehicles 2025-2024 (untitled)	4.49% 4.99% 5.49% 5.99%	42 months 60 months 72 months 84 months	\$25.78 \$18.88 \$16.34 \$14.61		Maximum Loan—\$75 Maximum Loan—\$75 Maximum Loan—\$75 \$30,000-\$75,000	(Loan limited to purchase	
Used Autos 2025-2022	5.99% 6.49%	Up to 60 months Up to 72 months	\$19.33 \$16.81		Maximum Loan—\$75 \$30,000 and ove		
Used Autos 2021 and older	6.99%	Up to 60 months	\$19.81		Maximum Loan—\$75	Copy of Purchase Order (Loan limited to purchase price/up to \$75,000)	
Other Collateral	7.25%	Up to 72 months	\$17.18		Maximum Loan—\$75	Copy of Purchase Order (Loan limited to purchase price/up to \$75,000)	
CO-MAKER LOANS	Annual Rate	Terms	Minimum Payment \$1,000	per	Amount and Conditi	ions Requirements	
Max-E Line Educational L.O.C.	6.75%	Up to 84 months	\$14.97		\$20,000 limit Revolution.C.	ving Copy of bills and acceptable Co-Maker	
Co-Maker	8.75%	Up to 60 months	\$20.64		\$20,000 limit	Acceptable Co-Maker	
UNSECURED LOANS	Annual Rate	Terms	Minimum Payment \$1,000	per	Amount and Conditi	ions Requirements	
Unsecured Loans	8.75%	Up to 40 months	\$28.91		\$10,000 limit Closed-end loan	Signature	
Max-A Line Unsecured L.O.C.	8.75%	Up to 40 months	\$28.91		\$10,000 limit Open-end loan	Signature	
Signature30	6.99%	Up to 30 months	\$36.43		\$5,000 limit Closed-end loan	Signature	
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1st Mortgages	Loan-to-Value		Rate		Maximum	Payment per \$1,000	
10 Year/120 months	80%	(5.25%		\$500,000	\$11.23	
15 Year/180 months	80%	6	5.35%		\$500,000	\$8.63	
15 Year/180 months	90%	(5.45%		\$500,000	\$8.69	
20 Year/240 months	80%	6.55%		\$500,000		\$7.49	
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30 Year/360 months	80%	6.75%			\$500,000	\$6.49	
30 Year/360 months	90%	6	5.95%		\$500,000	\$6.63	
2nd Mortgages	Loan-to-Value		Rate		Maximum	Payment per \$1,000	
10 Year/120 months	80%	8	3.25%		\$100,000	\$12.27	
Max-H Line L.O.C. 1/2% of amt. borrowed	80%	8.00	% variable	\$100,000 \$50,000	0-1st lien on property -2nd lien on property	1.5% of amt. borrowed	
		SHARE	ACCOUNTS				
Account Type	Term	Annu	al % Yield	D	ividend Rate	Compounding Information	
Regular Share	n/a		501%		.50%	Dividends are calculated by applying the periodic rate to the daily balance in the	
IRA	n/a	1	.004%		1.00%	account and are compounded ar posted quarterly.	
Term Share Accounts Regular and IRA	7 Months	4.074% 3.557%			4.00%	Dividends are calculated by applying the periodic rate to the daily balance in the	
	1 Year				3.50%	account and are compounded and posted monthly. Penalty for early withdrawal is a maximum of 120 days	
	2 Year	3	.299%		3.25% withorawal is a maximum of 120 di dividends. A minimum deposit of \$5,000 is required.		
	3 Year	2	.018%		2.00%		
	4 Year		.042%		3.00% and back	Your savings federally insured to at least \$250,000 ced by the full faith and credit of the United States Gove	



