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reshape narrative on Black Americans & apparel transform supply chains for Black consumers empower Black entrepreneurs in green economy

toxin-free Black apparel products made by AUC student cooperatives local ecosystem

- sustainable manufacturing
- reduced reliance on external resources
- minimize environmental impact

campus-based cooperative incubators clean energy integrations

solar panels energy-efficient machinery textile circulatory sustainably-sourced materials recycling programs for both pre-consumer and post-consumer textile waste







Ten (10) Steps

- Conduct Feasibility Study
- Establish Cooperative Business Model
- Source Sustainable Materials
- Develop Training Program
- **Market Cooperative**
- Secure Funding
- Choose Location
- Design Sustainable Facility
- Implement Clean Processes
 - Launch & Evaluate