MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

Environmentally Preferable Products and Services

In our construction work, we encourage the re-use of material and the use of green sustainable products. We also perform lifecycle analysis to demonstrate the value of these products. In our own office, we encourage the use of natural and reusable products. No plastic cups, Styrofoam or plastic grocery bags are used.

Environmental Restoration or Community Environmental Projects

The owner is the President of the Professional Women in Construction-DC Chapter and every year ensures that the group has an event to discuss, educate and update members on green sustainable practices. We also participate in programs where we can help restore buildings. For example, in January, we dedicated half a day in honor of Martin Luther King Day by donating low VOC paint and helping to repaint and upgrade Ballou High School in DC.

WASTE

Solid Waste Reduction and Reuse

Printing is kept to a minimum to reduce paper use. Proposals are submitted in electronic format with beautiful colors without destroying the environment and when we do print, we print double-sided. We re-use fax paper for note taking and use rechargeable batteries instead of disposable. We also use cups or reusable water bottles and reusable bags and donate business suits and attire to organizations that help men and women get back into the workplace.

Recycling

We recycle paper, glass, printer toner, computer equipment, and cell phones.
ENERGY

Energy Efficiency

- All light bulbs have been replaced to energy efficient bulbs
- The thermostat has been replaced and is kept at set temperatures (sweaters are encouraged)
- Air conditioner does not go on until necessary
- All kitchen appliances were replaced with Energy Star equipment
- Cost savings were significant in our 2010 utility bills

TRANSPORTATION

Employee Commute

Our office is located in a developed community where we are able to walk to most places. Beginning in the Spring until late Fall, we walk as much as possible. Cost savings enormous and healthy.

Efficient Business Travel

We always share rides for meetings and/or networking events and encourage teleconferencing. The savings are enormous savings. For example, by teleconferencing for just one meeting in DC, we were able to save $14 and a significant amount of time.

WATER

Water Conservation

We use gray water to water plants, and through other water conservation measures, we are saving $60/year on our water bill.

Stormwater Management and Site Design

All rainwater (mostly from the gutters) is re-routed into the yard.