



## Maryland Green Registry MEMBER

The Maryland Green Registry promotes and recognizes sustainable practices at organizations of all types and sizes. Members agree to share at least five environmental practices and one measurable result while striving to continually improve their environmental performance.

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Architecture & Interior Design Firm

Member since April 2012

## Management and Leadership

### Environmental Policy Statement

*Our green goal—to create our designs and conduct our business in an environmentally sustainable way—is a core value of our firm. This commitment to sustainability is part of our mission statement and is integral to our belief in the value of a green workplace. Oudens Knoop Knoop + Sachs drafted and implemented the firm's Green Guidelines in July 2010 as part of our office manual procedures.*

### Environmental Team

*We have 3 LEED Accredited Professionals on staff who are part of our firm's "Green Team." The Green Team helps to promote sustainable practices and meets regularly to outline and promote green goals and strategies for the firm.*

### Environmentally Preferable Products and Services

*As an architectural firm, one of our chief goals is to help reduce negative environmental impact of buildings through support of sustainable construction following LEED or other similar programs. Another important goal for us is to help promote sustainable practices in business, architecture, and construction through public outreach and presentations to professional groups here and around the world.*

### Environmentally Preferable Purchasing

*Our letterhead, business cards, and other material are printed on paper with recycled content. We also purchase our furniture from IBI, a Montgomery County Certified Green Business.*

*When our office was renovated in 2008, a number of environmentally sustainable materials were used:*

1. *Ecosurfaces flooring (recycled rubber)*
2. *Interface flooring*
3. *Alchemy counters*
4. *Refurbished and recycled ceiling and lighting materials*
5. *Daylighting to reduce electrical lighting requirements*

## **Waste**

### **Recycling**

*Our office recycles paper, metal, plastic, and glass.*

## **Energy**

### **Energy Efficiency**

*We use occupancy sensors in all private offices.*

## **Transportation**

### **Employee Commute**

*Oudens Knoop Knoop + Sachs regularly participates in superfareshare programs by the County and 75% of our staff commutes on public transportation.*

## **Green Building**

### **LEED Gold**

*Our renovated office was designed to the LEED Gold standard (although we are waiting on air quality data from building management in order to achieve full certification).*

## **Other**

### *We are a Certified Green Business in Montgomery County.*



*Help build a greener, more sustainable Maryland through voluntary practices that reduce environmental impacts and save money.*

*Learn more at [www.green.maryland.gov/registry](http://www.green.maryland.gov/registry)*

