

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.

# **Abrams Design Build LLC**

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# **Management and Leadership**

# **Environmentally Preferable Products and Services**

As our company motto states, we take "A sustainable approach" to creating beautiful space. We are pioneers in the field of green building, and are experts in creating energy efficient and healthy residential buildings.

# <u>Waste</u>

# Solid Waste/Material Use Reduction and Reuse

On every remodeling job, salvageable materials are removed and donated to The Community Forklift. Many of our projects include features made by local artisans using scrap steel and urban harvested wood. See for example: http://abramsdesignbuild.com/kinzer\_abrams.htm

### Recycling

Construction debris is hauled by Northern VA Waste, which certifies recycling of wood, sheetrock, concrete, and other fungible materials.

### Energy

# Energy Efficiency

We are the originators of the concept of the Net Zero Addition. See:

http://abramsdesignbuild.com/zeronetadditions.htm In addition, Alan is a Certified Passive House Consultant.

# **Transportation**

#### $\mathbf{N}$ **Employee Commute**

Our office is a twenty minute walk from the Takoma Park Metro. Alan lives three miles away, and rides his bicycle most days.

#### $\mathbf{\nabla}$ Fleet Vehicles

Our company vehicle is a VW Jetta TDI diesel.

# Water

#### $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$ Water Conservation

We recommend and provide dual flush toilets and foot valve controlled kitchen sinks on all our projects.

#### $\mathbf{N}$ Stormwater Management and Site Design

Wherever possible, we incorporate rain gardens, vegetated roofs, and porous pavement into our projects. See: http://greenbuilding.abramsdesignbuild.com/site\_design/ and http://abramsdesignbuild.com/hagen.htm

### Other

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Alan Abrams is a Certified Passive House Consultant. He is also the founder and chair of the Universal and Sustainable Design Committee of the American Institute of Building Design. Our company recently won the first NARI Metro DC "Best in Show" Green Remodeling Award.

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