Management and Leadership

✔️ Environmentally Preferable Purchasing

As part of ongoing efforts to make Maryland and our planet a healthier place to live, work and do business, St. John Properties has implemented a Green Cleaning Policy in all aspects of building maintenance, operations, and purchasing. St. John Properties has contracted CJ Maintenance, a Green Seal Certified Company, to perform all of their cleaning services. We have developed a list of allowable cleaning products, janitorial products, and equipment that meet various environmental certifications including Green Seal, Environmental Choice and Carpet and Rug Institute Green Label.

✔️ Environmental Restoration or Community Environmental Projects

St. John Properties was involved in a competition along with one of our Melford tenants to create a reconstructed recycled materials sculpture to demonstrate environmental resourcefulness, creativity, and ingenuity. Our tenant created a sculpture with building materials that were donated by St. John Properties; these materials were either obsolete or excess from construction or repair jobs.

Waste

✔️ Solid Waste Reduction and Reuse

To reduce the disposal of paper products, our green cleaning policy requires the use of reusable cleaning cloths or microfiber technology. The reusable cleaning cloths must be cleaned or laundered prior to reuse.
Recycling

At the Melford site, St. John Properties has incorporated an easily accessible dumpster enclosure with space for recycling containers for the building’s users. The enclosure’s size and functionality have been taken into account such that our leasing office and building tenants can take advantage of a recycling program with minimal effort.

On a bi-annual basis, a summary waste stream audit occurs at the St. John Properties leasing office at 16701 Melford Blvd in Bowie, MD. We strive for a recycling rate of at least 60% (by weight) to divert waste that would otherwise be sent to landfills. We also want to be a good example to our tenants. The results of each audit are shared with office staff and strategies for improving our diversion rate are considered.

The result for our spring 2017 audit was a 75.7% recycling rate.

Energy

Energy Efficiency

The building at 16701 Melford Blvd in Bowie, MD was been designed with energy efficiency in mind. As technologies have changed and improved since construction, St. John Properties reassessed its existing building technology, and uncovered an energy saving opportunity in lighting. Recently, all property lighting at the site has been upgraded, and the leasing office was 100% upgraded to efficient LED fixtures.

Additionally, the design of the building allows our leasing office employees and tenants to benefit from the wonderful daylight and views the building has to offer. With over 94% of occupied areas receiving natural daylight, and 97% of building users are able to maximize use of daylight while enjoying views of the outdoors.

Transportation

Employee Commute

To reduce the amount of pollution and traffic caused by gas powered vehicles, and to encourage healthy lifestyle habits, St. John Properties installed secure bicycle storage onsite with convenient changing and shower facilities available for use by all building occupants.
The leasing office employees and building tenants can use the facilities to shower after riding their bike to work or after a spin to the various amenities around the business park. This reduces pollution and traffic from automobile use.