



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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Real Estate Appraisals and Consulting

Member since February 2010

Management and Leadership




Environmentally Policy Statement

Briggs Associates, Inc. is committed to reducing its impact on the environment. We will strive to improve our environmental performance over time and to initiate additional projects and activities that will further reduce our impacts on the environment.

Our commitment to the environment extends to our customers, our staff, and the community in which we operate. We are committed to:

- Comply with all applicable environmental regulations;
- Prevent pollution whenever possible;
- Train all of our staff on our environmental program and empower them to contribute and participate;
- Communicate our environmental commitment and efforts to our customers, staff, and our community; and
- Continually improve over time by striving to measure our environmental impacts and by setting goals to reduce these impacts each year.

Signed: 

Date: June 21, 2017

Printed/Title: Donald N. Briggs, Vice President



Environmentally Preferable Products and Services

Donald N. Briggs is a MAI-designated real property appraiser – Certified General appraiser and LEED AP+. Formerly designated as a National Association

of Realtors GREEN Designee and NAHB Certified Green Professional. Elizabeth P. Briggs is a Certified Residential appraiser in the State of Maryland. The firm provides reviews of commercial appraisals for financial institutions, appraisals of Green homes, and conservation consultation/appraisals.

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing

We purchase recycled goods, including paper and plastics. We also purchase energy-rated appliances (dishwasher and refrigerator), and low VOC carpeting and paints. We use environmentally approved kitchen and cleaning projects and regularly purchase organic farm produce.

Environmental Restoration or Community Environmental Projects

Donald N. Briggs is currently serving a second term as Mayor of the Town of Emmitsburg. In 2017, the Town was awarded the 2017 Maryland Green Registry Leadership Award. Don was the founding Chair of the Frederick County Sustainability Commission for its first two years (2009-2011). When Don became Mayor 2011, he stepped down from the Sustainability Commission and the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Environmental Trust (MET). He formerly served on the Frederick County Historic Preservation Commission, the faculties of the Appraisal Institute and Maryland Association of Appraisers , specializing in Green valuation courses, and was a founding director of the Catoclin Land Trust. He currently serves on the Frederick County Solid Waste Steering Committee (2015-2017).

Waste

Solid Waste Reduction

We compost and provide reports electronically.

Recycling

We participate in the county's single stream recycling program and also recycle ink cartridges.

Composting

We collect food scraps, coffee grounds, and yard waste in a compost bin purchased from the County through a Town program and take it to designated Town disposal area.

Energy

Energy Efficiency

We estimate that we have saved 15% in energy costs through the use of LED lighting. We also control the office temperature by regulating the thermostat, adjusting blinds and shutters, maximizing day light through design of our space, using operable windows for natural ventilation, and installing and maintaining an efficient HVAC system through routine inspections and filter changes.

Transportation

Employee Commute

No public transportation is available for commuting, but we do walk to the post office, bank, restaurants, and community park.

Efficient Business Travel

We use teleconferencing and estimate that this amounts to annual cost savings of \$3,600. We also use a fuel efficient vehicle for field work and estimate that it saves us \$1,300/yr. in fuel costs over a larger vehicle. Our office location was also chosen for its walk ability to the bank, post office, restaurants, community parks and the Town office.

Fleet Vehicles

We use late model, fuel efficient vehicles, check tire pressure weekly and provide regular maintenance every 2,500 miles.

Water

Water Conservation

Our plumbing fixtures meet or exceed the Energy Policy Act of 1992 minimum standards.

Stormwater Management and Site Design

Less than 30% of our property is impervious, leaving adequate open space for run-off retention.

Green Building

LEED Home

Our office is located in a home that was built in 1857. While the home office is not LEED Certified, it follows some of the guidelines.

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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

