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Sustainability and Green Building Consulting
Member since April 2010

Management and Leadership

☑ Environmental Policy Statement

Yes, we help design spaces. And yes, we bring together all the right resources to do it in a way that’s more sustainable, more compliant, more operationally efficient than just about anybody. But more than all that, what truly drives us is a dash of infectious energy and generous helping of hopeful spirit—a “you better believe it” outlook that just can’t be denied.

Realize for a second that what we’re actually creating is not a wall, or a restroom, or even a green roof—but a feeling. A smile. A more thoughtful focus on life and living it fully. Maybe because it’s healthier, or it saves money, or it impacts the planet less. But down to the smallest details, we do this because we want to—not because we have to. We do this because it makes us feel better to make places that feel better that make people feel better. We do this because we’ve always known a building is so much more than wood, steel, concrete, and glass. It’s the sum of the people inside it, and their well-being.

So when you work with us, know that there’s not just care, but character, in these plans and the vision we have. Know that there are a million little moments of potential we consider in each space. Know that we can look farther and create smarter. And know that we’re all a little more human when we do.

Our focus is green. Our character is true blue.
Environmental Team

Our environmental team includes our entire company. We meet weekly to discuss ways for our projects and our company to increase energy efficiency, conserve water, reduce consumption of virgin materials, cut greenhouse gas emissions, and achieve various performance standards (LEED, Green Globes, Living Building Challenge, Baltimore City Green Building Standards, NAHB/NGBS, Energy Star, International Green Building Code, etc.) All employees are, at a minimum, LEED Accredited Professionals; while some hold and maintain multiple green building and sustainability accreditations.

Environmentally Preferable Products and Services

Lorax Partnerships provides green building and sustainability consulting services to developers, building and business owners, architects and other real estate professionals interested in improving the environmental performance of their company, building or development project. Since 2003, Lorax has provided sustainability services for hundreds of projects nationally with a focus in the Mid Atlantic area for building design and construction, existing building performance and operations, and business sustainability practices.

To date, Lorax has obtained a green building certification for 164 projects:

- 7 LEED Platinum
- 49 LEED Gold
- 38 LEED Silver
- 40 LEED Certified
- 28 Municipal Green Building Projects
- 2 National Green Building Standard

Lorax uses integrated design to achieve highly efficient buildings. To date our projects have saved over 13 million kWh of energy. We also encourage and assist the development and implementation of recycling programs for all of our clients.

We recommend dual flush toilets, waterless urinals, low flow showerheads and bathroom fixtures for improvement in water efficiency. All of our projects achieve at least a 20% water reduction. To date, our projects have saved over 24 million gallons of potable water.

Waste

Recycling

Lorax Partnerships participates in an office recycling program, which mimics the recycling plans that we help to implement as part of the sustainable
operations and maintenance programs we recommend. We recycle paper, plastic, cardboard and metal as part of our program, as well as light bulbs and batteries.

Energy

☑️ Energy Efficiency

Being conscience of our energy use, Lorax uses the natural daylight from the windows to light the office. Task lights are utilized on cloudy days. Lights are kept off when the office is not occupied. Energy efficient appliances are also utilized.

Water

☑️ Water Conservation

Aerators are installed on all of our faucets in our workspace. Lorax is also anticipating pursuing LEED for Commercial Interiors for our future office space.

Transportation

☑️ Employee Commute

Being located in the heart of Baltimore City, employees are encouraged to utilize public transportation. Carpooling is also encouraged – saving at least 2 trips a week. Some of our employees even walk or bicycle to work.

☑️ Efficient Business Travel

Carpooling is the highest priority when traveling to and from meetings. This saves about 6 trips a month.

Environmental Certification Programs, Awards, and Other Activities

☑️ Our company and employees stay involved in the green community by participating in a number of sustainability-related organizations.

2016 USGBC MD President’s Award
NGBS Green Partner of Excellence
SmartCEO Future50 Emerging Growth Company
US Green Building Council (USGBC) member
Chair, MD USGBC Chapter
Vice Chair, MD USGBC Chapter
Treasurer, MD USGBC Chapter
Programs/ Education Committee, MD USGBC Chapter
2009 Business of the Year, MD USGBC Chapter
2010 Presidents Award, MD USGBC Chapter
Governor appointee, MD Green Building Council
Director, Howard County Green Business Council
Chesapeake Sustainable Business Alliance (CSBA)
Commissioner, Howard County Commission on the Environment and Sustainability
Commissioner, Howard Community College Commission on the Future
Co-Chair, Sustainability Committee – National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP)

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