

Environmental Project (Small Business/Non-Manufacturing)

Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc.: Green Headquarters Building Gold Medal Winner

Wetland Studies and Solutions, located in Northern Virginia, provides natural and cultural resources consulting services. The company's new headquarters building is the Commonwealth's first facility to be certified Gold under the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) green building rating system. The building reduces potable water consumption by 72% and energy consumption by 47%. It also uses low-impact development techniques to mimic the hydrology of an undisturbed forest, reduce downstream degradation, and help maintain biodiversity and wildlife habitat. Recycled and renewable materials, passive "green" building design, and high-tech solutions all help to create a healthy, vibrant work space for employees. The company performs retrofits frequently to keep up with new sustainable products and technologies.