



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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Management and Leadership



Environmental Team

ARGO is committed to providing a safe and healthy workplace while protecting the environment and conserving energy and natural resources. ARGO's environmental staff meets on a regular basis to discuss future goals and projects that can make ARGO more sustainable. The environmental staff has established sustainability objectives which include the following:

- *Environmentally sound daily purchasing and office management by reusing and recycling materials, waste reduction, purchasing recycled materials and using recyclable packaging and other material whenever possible*
- *Recycle our waste products at all jobsites and offices*
- *Periodically review the use of energy throughout our business, including conserving energy, improving energy efficiency, and giving preference to renewable over nonrenewable energy sources when feasible*
- *Use processes that do not adversely affect the environment, including improving operations and technologies to minimize waste, prevent air, water, and other pollution, minimize health and safety risks, and dispose of waste safely and responsibly*
- *Refusal to use any illegal chemicals or materials to perform any task or job*



Environmentally Preferable Purchasing

ARGO is committed to purchasing and using environmentally friendly products whenever available. Employees are encouraged to use our kitchen

which is equipped with Energy Star appliances and electronics. Additionally, the printer paper at ARGO is made from recycled paper, along with paper towels and napkins which are made from 100% recycled materials. In our office, ARGO encourages the use of cleaning products and materials that are non-toxic and environmentally friendly whenever possible.

Environmental Restoration or Community Environmental Projects

ARGO personnel have provided oyster restoration services for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in order to promote oyster restoration within the Chesapeake Bay watershed. ARGO placed stone (18,550 cubic yards) and oyster shells (4,500 cubic yards) in seven different locations off of Cooks Point, near Tilghman Island, MD. Along the Choptank River, ARGO purchased gabion stone and shell to place 9,227 cubic yards of stone on over 21 acres across nine locations at the bottom of Harris Creek. Additionally, over a four-year planting season (2005-2008) ARGO personnel planted over two million bushels of clamshell (quahog and surf clam). This was planted on multiple historical oyster harvest locations on both the Delaware and New Jersey coasts of the Delaware Bay, totaling over 890 acres. Planting these shells on the bay bottom will promote oyster recruitment.

Waste

Recycling

At ARGO, numerous materials are recycled around the office and at project sites. Plastic bottles, aluminum cans, paper, and cardboard are all recycled each day. If ARGO recycles approximately 50" of stacked paper/cardboard each week, it will result in 751.4 reams of paper being saved each year (<http://www.goqgreen.coop/recycle/recyclingCalculator.aspx>).

Energy

Energy Efficiency

ARGO personnel are always thinking of new ways to become more energy efficient around the office. All of the lighting within the office is energy efficient, and all lights are set on motion sensors. This allows multiple rooms around the office to remain dark if employees are not at work or teleworking from another location, thus reducing the amount of lighting used. These devices control the interior lighting so that the energy load can be cut, along with cost. ARGO's office space was also designed to be energy efficient by having large open glass

windows throughout the building, allowing natural sunlight to easily pass through and lighten the office.

Transportation

Efficient Business Travel

ARGO encourages all employees to take efficient measures when it comes to business travel through ridesharing, SharePoint and web conferencing software. Using SharePoint and web conferencing allows employees to coordinate file sharing and conduct meetings remotely which reduces printing and travel needs. ARGO employees are also encouraged to reduce vehicle miles each day by ridesharing with others. This can result in 300+ gallons of gasoline being saved in one year. Recently, multiple employees who rideshare at ARGO have made the switch to owning hybrid and/or electric plug-in vehicles. This creates a more resourceful travel method.

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