

Reston Association

Certification

The Reston Association's Walker Nature Center is a 72-acre woodland that provides environmental education for all ages. The Nature House at the Walker Nature Center earned LEED Gold certification in 2010, exceeding by nearly 10% the number of credits required for gold certification. Also in 2010, the Reston Association's main office achieved a LEED Silver certification for Commercial Interiors.

Green Purchasing

The Reston Association adopted an *Environmental Purchasing Policy* to increase the procurement of environmentally friendly products and services and to account for environmental factors early in the purchasing process. Additionally, the Association has adopted *Paper Procurement Guidelines* based on national guidelines from the US EPA.

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

The Association uses a number of energy efficient and renewable technologies throughout Reston, including smart thermostats and LED lighting. The following energy-saving strategies reduced energy costs at the Nature House by 37%: geothermal heating and cooling, low-E EnergyStar windows with high efficiency glazing, structural panels with built-in insulation, a solar tube for increased daylighting, and occupancy sensors.

Water

To improve water quality in Reston, 70 Mutt Mitt dispensers are available to collect dog waste, and environmentally friendly salt is used for de-icing. Rain barrels and rain gardens are also installed throughout the community.

Membership and Awards

The Reston Association has received the Tree City USA Designation from the National Arbor Day Foundation every year since 1994. It has also received the Community Wildlife Habitat Certification from the National Wildlife Federation every year since 2000.



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Organization Type

Community Association

Number of Fairfax County Employees

90

Fun Facts

Additional sustainable features at the Walker Nature Center's Nature House include:

- ✓ 99% of the site is conserved as forested open space
- ✓ A rain garden captures stormwater from the roof and parking lot
- ✓ Low-flow plumbing fixtures reduce water consumption
- ✓ The use of "dark sky" exterior lights reduces light pollution
- ✓ 85% of new construction waste was diverted from landfills