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Shadowlake Village , a cohousing project in Blacksburg which incorporated cluster design, smaller houses and energy conservation techniques

Our Commitment to Green Business Practices

Our Mission

To provide architectural design and planning services for all types of projects that promote the well-being of our clients and communities while enhancing the environment in which they are placed.

Architecture + Planning for Sustainable Living

Since 1987, Architectural Alternatives has provided architectural design and planning services for projects throughout Virginia, primarily in Southwest Virginia.

We design in consideration of the bigger picture of sustainable living, which to us means designing buildings and landscapes to promote the healthy well-being of our clients and communities, while enhancing and preserving the environment in which they are placed for the benefit of future generations.

Sustainable design and planning doesn't mean doing more with less, it means doing different to achieve more. Different means focusing on client goals, partnering with others, meeting strict budgets, and implementing green practices that meet the client's unique needs.

As a business we are a founding member of Go Green New River Valley (gogreenrv.com), and are working with others seeking to "green" their businesses.

Some of the

Sustainable Business Practices

that we follow

- Create and implement sustainable design procedures into our building designs
- Recycle mixed paper products, cans, plastics, glass
- Use plates and silverware, instead of paper products and plastic utensils
- Reuse office supplies as possible; file folders, binders, hanging folders
- Recycle empty ink cartridges to www.greenschoolproject.com and support local schools
- Turn off office equipment when not in use
- Promote biking, walking & car pooling
- Implement alternate work schedules (4 day work week, telecommuting)
- Purchase local and green products
- Buy Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs and TCLP compliant Low Mercury fluorescent lights
- Recycle computer and electrical equipment through Montgomery Regional Solid Waste Authority
- Provide employees with small fans and cut back on air conditioning
- Compost coffee grounds and food debris