

Vaught-Frye Architects & VF Ripley Associates

Designing for Sustainability

Vaught-Frye Architects and VF Ripley Associates offer interior design, urban and land use planning in addition to architecture and landscape architecture services. Listening closely to the needs of their clients and combining the different perspectives of planners, landscape architects, and architects allows them to coordinate new projects more effectively. In their operations, they continue to implement measures to further reduce greenhouse gas emissions and can easily be recognized as a promoter of environmental sustainability.

Water Quality & Conservation

- **Landscaping**

Through the use of native plants, the amount of water required to maintain the landscaping of the Vaught-Frye building is minimal.



- **Restrooms**

All faucets are fitted with low-flow fixtures and the toilets are 1.6 gallon per flush. These measures reduce excessive water usage.

Alternative Transportation

- **Hybrid Vehicle**

Vaught-Frye replaced a 1990 Isuzu with a Honda Civic Hybrid in 2006. This vehicle is used more frequently by employees and reduces resource use and pollution production.



- **Walking vs. Driving**

Due to the close proximity of both consultants and clients Vaught-Frye employees are willing and able to walk to many meetings.

Energy Efficiency

- **Green Energy Program**

Vaught-Frye Architects recently switched to wind power as a means of electricity for their offices and are currently encouraging the use of wind power within the other tenants of the building.



Facility

*Vaught-Frye Architects
Fort Collins, Colorado*

Size

*Over 17,970 square feet,
27 employees*

Climate Wise Partner

Since June 2006

Partner Level

Silver Level partner
2006 award

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- **Solar Shades**

The use of solar shades to reduce sun intensity provides employees with a beautiful view of Fort Collins while increasing their comfort. These solar shades block out much of the sun's rays reducing the excess heat they produce.



- **Motion Sensor Lighting**

The use of a motion sensor to trigger lighting decreases energy use without compromising convenience.

Solid Waste & Recycling

- **Recycling**

Vaught-Frye recycles all accepted materials as well as electronic waste.



- **Ink Cartridge Recycling**

Ink cartridges are recycled and reused, further decreasing waste. Vaught-Frye recently started recycling their ink cartridges with Green Cartridge and are looking forward to cost-savings as a result of this practice.

- **Recycled Content Materials**

Office supplies and products made from recycled materials are purchased when possible. The paper that is used by the offices contains 30% recycled content.

Green Building

- **LEED Certification**

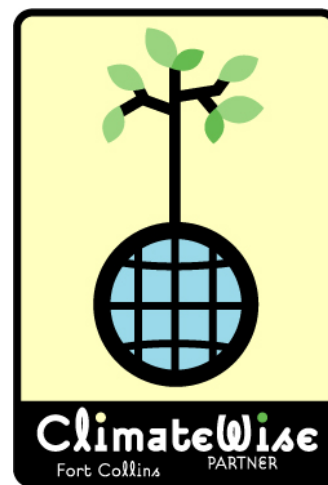
Vaught-Frye Architects is currently in the process of obtaining LEED certification for an existing building and has 7 LEED projects in various stages of development. In addition, three architects from Vaught-Frye Architects and one from VF Ripley Associates are LEED certified. Several others are taking LEED classes.



Green Meetings

- **Zero Waste Events**

In September 2006, Vaught-Frye Architects and VF Ripley Associates hosted a zero waste event. They catered the event with finger foods to eliminate the need for flatware and served wine and beer in glasses that were sent home as gifts to employees. Waste Not provided bins for recycling and composting. Their efforts were very successful and they look forward to hosting another zero waste event in the future.



Climate Wise

Climate Wise is a voluntary City of Fort Collins program that recognizes and assists businesses in quantifying and reducing their environmental impact. Climate Wise provides free assessments to business partners and includes expert staff from the City of Fort Collins Utilities, Natural Resources, and Transportation departments.

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