

City Feed & Supply

Sustainable Renovation, Equipment, and Employer Choices

City Feed & Supply owners Kristine Cortese and David Warner have always integrated sustainable strategies into their business model that increase their bottom line, improve worker health and productivity, while reducing environmental and climate change impacts.

With their new location on Centre Street, the owners also took advantage of the free green building technical assistance offered by the Boston Redevelopment Authority's GreenTech initiative.

Listed below are some of the green and sustainable strategies and materials found in City Feed & Supply's Centre Street location.

Energy Related

Integrated used lighting fixtures (reuse) and installed new energy efficient fluorescent bulbs.

Purchased new energy efficient refrigeration equipment with remote condensers to reduce space cooling loads.

Materials and Resources

Re-claimed wood from existing structural beams to mill new counters (rather than installing virgin materials).

Specified Stonescape flooring product for the store's food prep area. Stonescape is an award winning, high performing green building product that is a less toxic alternative to more conventional vinyl tile and also boasts a lower life cycle cost due to lower maintenance requirements.

Established recycling and composting services with Boston based Save That Stuff.

Re-finished wood flooring rather than installing virgin materials.

Repaired and re-claimed existing tin ceiling rather than installing virgin materials.

Purchased some used office equipment (from Massachusetts based "ReStore") and other used equipment.

Sustainable Sites

City Feed & Supply's location encourages foot traffic; outdoor bike racks provided by the City of Boston allow cycle customers to lock their bikes. The store offers a wide variety of healthy foods, further reducing the need for Jamaica Plain residents to drive to obtain groceries.

Local Suppliers, Local Jobs

City Feed & Supply used local contractors and suppliers, reducing materials and labor transportation impacts while keeping local dollars in the community.

City Feed & Supply features a wide variety of locally produced food products, benefiting local suppliers and their employees. The store also sources locally grown meats and vegetables whenever possible including products from Stillman's Farm, Applefield Farm, Blue Heron Farm, Allandale Farm, and others. This helps protect precious open space by helping to make these local farms remain economically viable. City Feed & Supply also returns boxes to farmers for re-use.

Stonescape, a Building Green Top Ten Product of the 2005 year award winner, from Estrie Products International, is a brand-new, PVC-free alternative to vinyl composition tile (VCT). This resilient flooring tile is made from limestone and ethylene acrylic polymers. Along with being free of polyvinyl chloride (PVC), the tile is free of other halogens and plasticizers, and it emits no volatile organic compounds (VOCs). It is also a much harder material than VCT (2,000 psi vs. less than 300 psi for most VCT) that will require far less regular surface treatment (stripping and waxing) than VCT, resulting in lower VOC emissions.



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