

2 Center Plaza



Meet Nitschie!

The water/leaf teardrop symbol is used on our website to denote a sustainable project. It is also being used as our internal mascot “Nitschie,” who appears on all the LEED and environmental educational signage throughout our office space.



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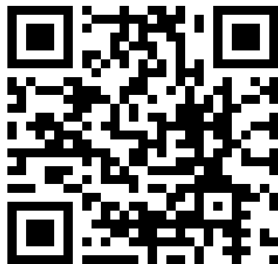
“Nitschie” is our internal mascot who appears on all the LEED and environmental educational signage throughout our office space, which has been designed to achieve LEED-CI Gold certification.

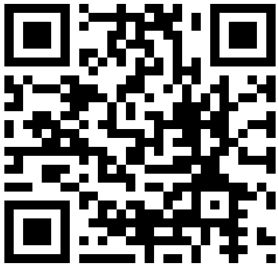
Here in our reception area, the entry wall and reception desk are made of Moso Bamboo, the fastest growing plant on earth. It is grown in managed forests, where each year 30% can be harvested without reducing forest size.

Our LED lighting reduces lighting power usage by 35%. The workstations are all refurbished and are manufactured regionally, which helps to reduce our carbon footprint, as are the vinyl flooring, laminate, door frames, and seating.

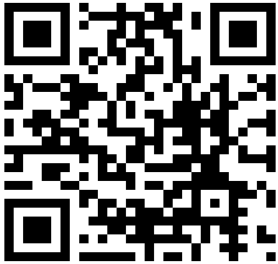
Nitsch Engineering is supporting wind power by purchasing renewable energy credits. We purchased 16kWh/ft (457,600 kWh) of renewable wind power energy to reduce our carbon footprint.

For more information on RECs, see our partners' website at www.renewablechoice.com.





The acoustic ceiling tiles throughout our space contain 2% post-consumer content and 68% pre-consumer content; the task chairs contain 16% post-consumer content.



Our LED lighting reduces our power usage by 35%. Over 60% of our furniture is reused, and the furniture we purchased is 17.5% recycled material. Our appliances and equipment are 95% Energy Star qualified.



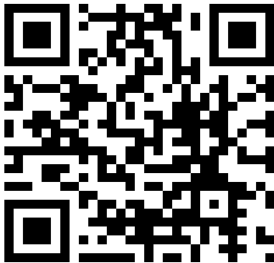
The 34 file cabinets we purchased for our new office are refurbished rather than newly manufactured, lowering our carbon footprint.



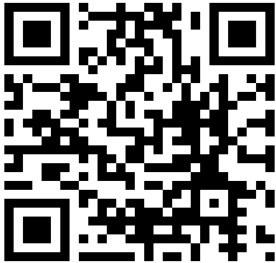


These 12 bookcases that we purchased for our new office are refurbished rather than newly manufactured, lowering our carbon footprint.





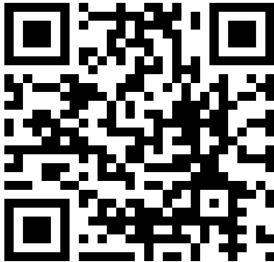
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Our office has been designed to optimize energy performance by using LED lighting, occupancy sensors, Energy Star appliances and energy-efficient equipment. LEDs are our primary light source and their wattage use is 35% below code requirements. Our cafe sink is a 1.5 GPM low flow faucet.



Most of the doors, task chairs, and refurbished workstations are manufactured regionally, lowering our carbon footprint.



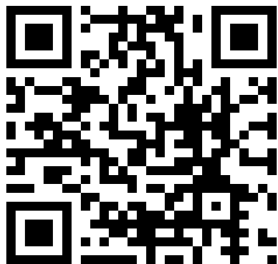


All of the adhesives and sealants, paints and coatings, flooring systems, composite wood and agrifiber products used in our interiors are low-emitting materials.

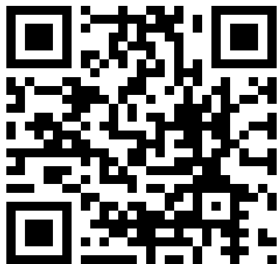


In aggregate, the recycled content of all office furniture is 17% total.

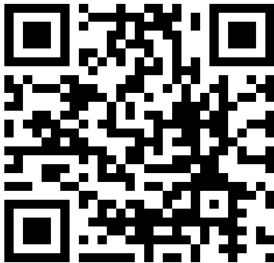




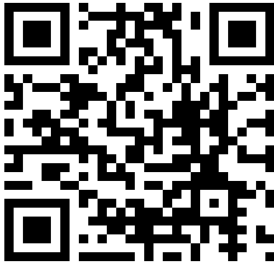
The paper towel holder, dish rack, cutting boards, and salt and pepper shakers in our cafe are made of bamboo, an earth-friendly, renewable resource.



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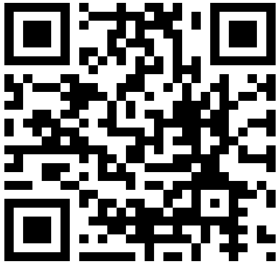
Most of the paint and floor adhesive used throughout our space contain 0% volatile organic compounds and urea-formaldehyde free binders were used on the doors.



Nitsch Engineering has an agreement with the building owner at 2 Center Plaza to follow a Green Cleaning plan that adheres to LEED green cleaning policy requirements.

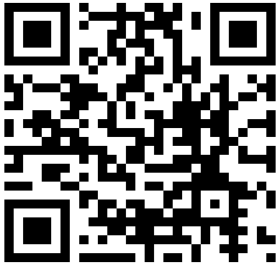


These flat files were recycled/ refurbished from our old office rather than replaced, lowering our carbon footprint.





These file cabinets were recycled/ refurbished from our old office rather than replaced, lowering our carbon footprint.





This bookcase and 9 others were recycled/ refurbished from our old office rather than replaced, lowering our carbon footprint.

