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In addition to separating waste streams, including composting, the office space makes use of durable materials and supplies, reducing the waste of single-use products. The office has 85% natural light availability, ceiling fans to promote comfort and air circulation, and photosensor controlled automatic shades to maintain optimal levels of daylight. More than 90% of people in the office have sit-to-stand desks and the office space promotes active movement. The office has offset more than 50% of its embodied carbon footprint, including materials, and its lifetime energy consumption. In addition, the project provided funding to support the permanent protection of 2.7 acres of land through the White Horse Mountain project with the Potomac Conservancy.

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