

Architecture's Impact: How can architecture be used as a tool to educate the public about environmental issues?

Making the sustainable systems and materials used in the facility clearly visible to visitors, and providing information about how these systems operate helps visitors understand the importance of sustainability and learn how green systems and materials can play a role in any building.

Sun shade keeps out excess heat from the sun.

Cinder block interior walls, made with incinerator ash from the landfill.

Rooftop rain water collection.

Building management system to monitor power usage.

Geothermal heating and cooling.

Methane extracted from landfill, filtered, and used to generate power.

Water efficient plumbing fixtures.

Drive up recycling drop off.

Reclaimed hardwood floors.

Low e heat and light reflecting glass.

Compost, uses waste from building and visitors to fertilize gardens.

Photovoltaics integrated Southern angled roof planes.

Kasota Stone, a local material.

Windows and clerestories for natural light.

Operable windows for passive ventilation.

Recycled asphalt.

