

'Architecture' is the design and development of spaces and places that function to serve human needs, from the practical to the inspirational. 'Green' describes ways of producing and living that are intended to support the environment and its natural systems.

'Green' applied to 'Architecture' is design of spaces and places in full consideration of the natural environment; it seeks to maximize efficiency and minimize impact while meeting the needs of its occupants. Green architecture is not a particular style of architecture but a thoughtful and holistic approach to design in which priorities and strategies must be developed for specific situations and locations.

The Lubeznik Center for the Arts' *Green Architecture* exhibit showcases projects that have been built or are being built within a 200-mile radius of Michigan City, Indiana, and offers a look at the ways local architects have integrated environmental concerns in their design.

The works included in this exhibition represent only a very small sample of the great and growing number of green building, renovation, and restoration projects throughout the region. We selected projects that would present the full range of scale and program: from green elements in interior design to large-scale land restoration projects; from green home renovations to a community center and a school; and from new residential construction projects through to whole neighborhoods and developments planned with sustainability as principle.

We invited participating exhibitors to present their projects in any format and by whichever means they feel best suits their work and we are very pleased with the variety of displays that we have received. We are grateful to all exhibitors for generously contributing their materials, their time, and their talents to make this exhibit a success. We are hopeful that *Green Architecture* at the Lubeznik Center will both inform and inspire visitors by offering this opportunity to see a sample of the types of green design projects that are already being built locally.