# GREENING A LEASED OFFICE

U.S. Department of the Interior U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Northeast Region Hadley, Massachusetts

### ENERGY AND WATER

- Energy use reduced about 50%.
- Water use reduced about 25%.
- Renewable solar photovoltaic system on roof is 108 kW.
- Most recent project payback is about 7 years.



#### **SUSTAINABLE**

- Meeting sustainability policy and performance goals of new Executive Order 13693.
- LEED Gold rating.
- Pollinator gardens with native plants supporting President's agenda.
- Environmentally preferable purchasing.
- Successful recycling program.
- Alternative transportation.
- Energy and water efficient.

## **GSA LEASE**

- Net space in building is about 72,000 square feet.
- Natural gas heat.
- Electric air conditioning.
- Constructed in 1992.



#### GREEN TEAM

- Green Team established in 2005 with the help of \$5,000 from the Division of Engineering for use in greening the building.
- Consensus planning process.
- Communication with management and staff.
- Proposals solicited from utility company.

# EARLY SUCCESSES



- Lighting retrofit.
- Occupancy sensors.
- **ENERGY STAR®** refrigerator.
- Stickers to encourage closing outside doors.
- Low flow showerheads.
- Recycling program.
- Messaging to promote sustainability.

#### LEASE RENEWAL OPPORTUNITY

- Proposals by Green Team.
- Meetings with GSA, Building Owner and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- A final list of work items to move forward.
- Sustainability featured prevalently in upgrades to building prior to lease renewal after 20 years of building occupancy.

# **ENERGY AUDIT**

- Level II ASHRAE energy audit.
- Leaking ducts.
- Inefficient HVAC units.
- Gaps in some areas of building envelope.
- Additional light fixtures needing efficiency upgrades.

## SITE





- Impervious surfaces reduced.
- Native plants increased.





## **WATER**

- Low flow fixtures.
- Automated fixtures.
- Native plants that don't need irrigation.



#### **ENERGY**

- Leaking ducts replaced.
- Replaced 26 rooftop units.
- Replaced roofing with cool roof.
- Improved controls for HVAC.
- Energy recovery ventilators (ERV).
- Thermal displacement ventilation with an enthalpy wheel.
- CO<sub>2</sub> Demand Ventilation Control (DVC).
- Photovoltaic system provides up to 12% of the building's energy. This 108 kW system is the largest system on a building fully occupied by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service!

#### **MATERIALS**

- Recycled content carpet.
- Salvage and reuse of systems furniture.
- Office products with recycled content.
- EPEAT and **ENERGY STAR**® computers.
- Recycling of unneeded electronic equipment.





# INDOOR QUALITY

- Zero volatile organic compound (VOC) paint.
- Green cleaning with less toxic products.
- Indoor air quality protection measures during work in building.

#### **INNOVATIONS**

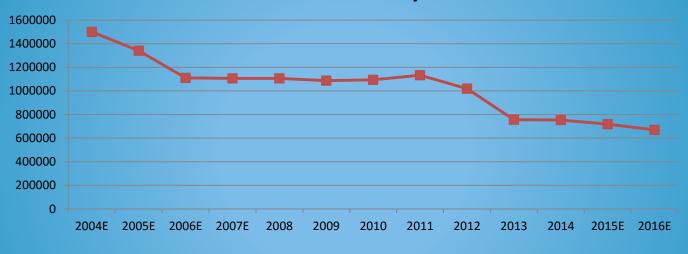
- Updated building controls, enabling remote adjustments, improves occupant comfort and reduces energy use and costs.
- Commissioning of systems.
- Combination of contracting strategies by the team and GSA, utility and State incentives, funding by the building owner, and some donations.

# REGIONAL PRIORITIES

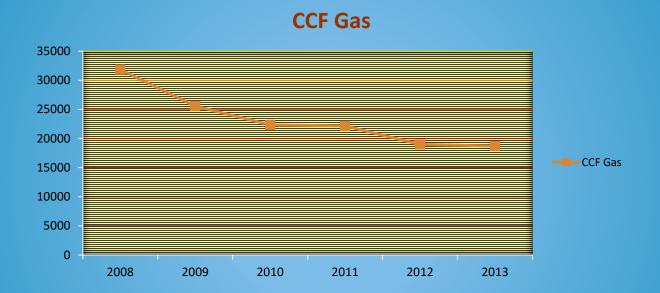
- Alternative transportation: encouragement of bicycle commuting, public transportation and car pooling.
- Partnership with MassRIDES to increase use of alternative transportation.
- Renewable energy: photovoltaic system covers roof.



## **KWh Electricity**



E = Estimated





## FOOTPRINT REDUCTION

- 136,000 gallons of water conserved annually inside building.
- 354 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions reduced annually.
- Measurement and verification.
- Print and television news coverage.
- Green Team continues to seek ways to improve sustainability.
- Benefits to our environment!