

# CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL

2011 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202

## PROJECT TEAM

Gensler - Architect  
Conservation International – Owner  
Cresa – Project Manager  
HITT Contracting – General Contractor  
Blue Moon Engineering – MEP  
Healthy Buildings – Commissioning, Air Testing, Energy Modeling  
JBG SMITH – Property Owner/Facilities Management

**PROJECT SIZE** 43,483 SF

**CERTIFICATION** LEED v4 CI Gold

**FTE** 254

**DAILY VISITORS** 142

## DESCRIPTION

An understanding of Conservation International's (CI) space requires an understanding of its unique mission. Using a strong foundation of science, partnership, and field demonstration, this non-profit challenges the status quo to make improvements in sustainability and empower societies to steward the wellbeing of all life on Earth.

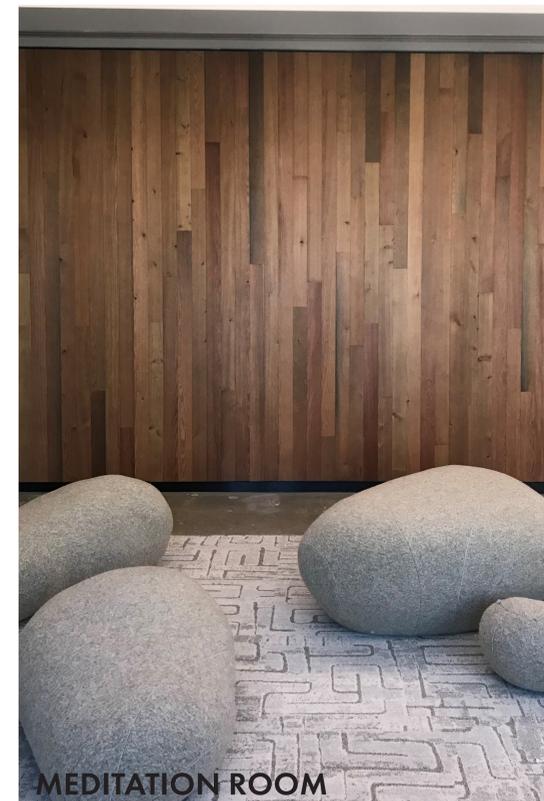
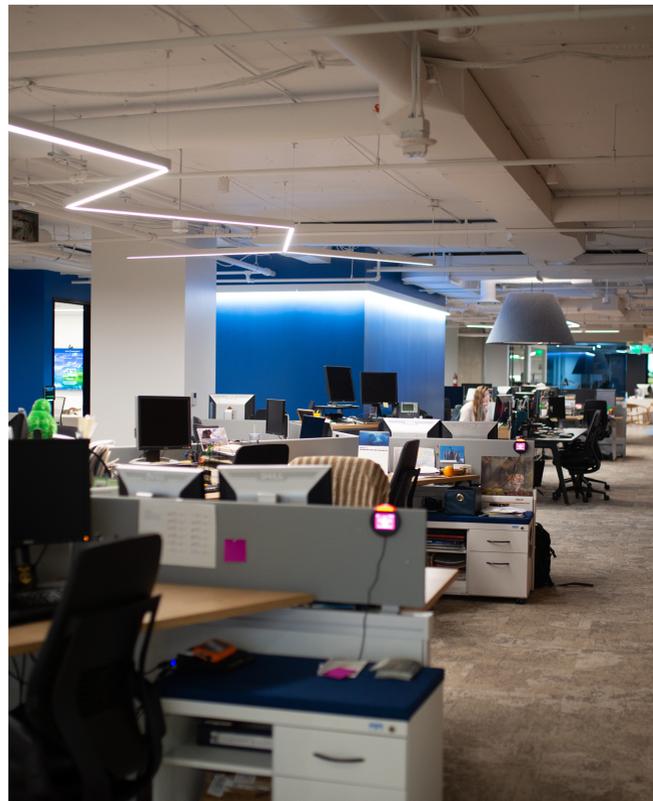
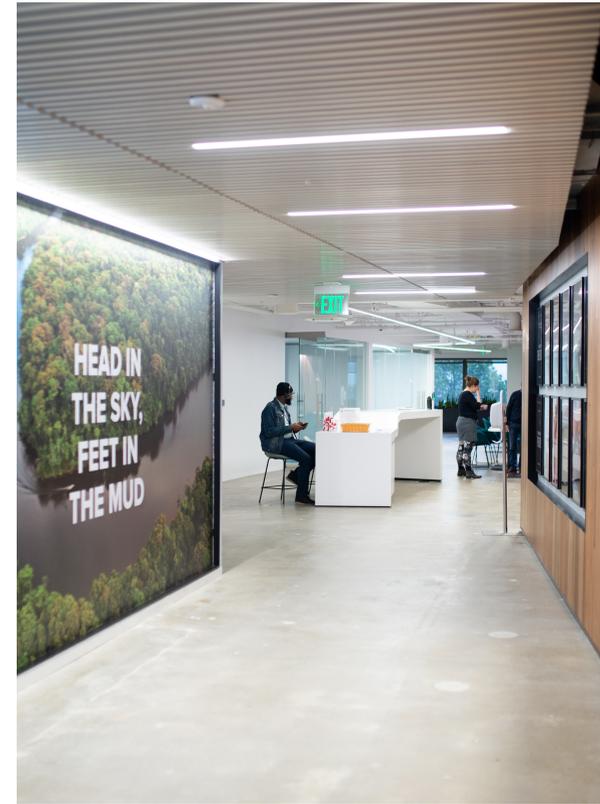
Accordingly, attaining LEED Gold certification was only CI's beginning; the project embodies the organization's mission, impacting its new office design, sustainability elements, and overall building improvements while surpassing LEED requirements. Committed to reducing its carbon footprint, CI repurposed its existing space rather than build out a new space, consolidating two floors into one openplan floor, and pushing for tenant improvements within its building in Crystal City, VA.

Gone are the days of private research offices that compartmentalize space and interactions; CI chose a layout for their workstations that mimics the organic growth of nature—no long rows, straight lines or right angles—to inspire impromptu encounters in a space that has no prescribed central path, where different routes lead to the same destinations.

The responsible reuse of materials is engaged at all touchpoints— including the surfaces on which employees work. Live edge tabletops, crafted from a Loudon County, Va., tree felled a decade ago, provide ample teamwork space for staff in the office's collaborative zones. Flooring made from nylon from discarded fishing nets can be recycled at its end-of-life through the manufacturer's responsibility program. Ceiling tiles offer high-performance acoustical treatments made with a plant-based binder, also recyclable. Salvaged wood provides premium wall paneling sourced from logs preserved in the icy temperatures and low oxygen content of the Great Lakes during the logging boom of the late 1800s. Choices in innovative energy-efficient lighting systems and water conservation strategies also set CI apart.

CI activates multiple programs to enable low-waste living: The office offers composting, reusable dishware, custom shower facilities, and bike storage to encourage biking to work. CI also started a birdwatching program where employees can come together.

We need people who look outside the box to tackle the world's most intractable problems—and CI is home to those people, bringing new visions to every facet of life they touch, beginning with their new office.



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