

# SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE



## Earth Day 2013

### Considerations for Earth Day and Every Day

#### A FEW WAYS OUR COMBINED EFFORTS ARE WORKING

- Through the aggressive use of many energy efficiency upgrades, our portfolio has **reduced our total electric consumption 23% since 2004**
- Six of our buildings have achieved the EnergyStar rating, which distinguishes them as **among the most efficient in the marketplace**
- We have recycled literally tons of paper, cardboard, aluminum, plastic, and glass. Plus, we have recycled hundreds of old phones, computers and various types of electronic equipment
- We have recycled thousands of fluorescent lights, keeping dangerous mercury out of the waste stream
- Blake has helped a Synagogue and a Charter School obtain LEED Certification!

#### HOW CAN WE GET GREENER THIS SUMMER?

- Cut out Saturday HVAC if your company never or only seldom works on the weekend – Blake Staff Members can assist!
- Renew your commitment to recycling in your offices – 100% participation, 100% of the time
- Use blinds in offices to control afternoon heat gain and set your temperature a few degrees warmer in the summer
- Start a Green Committee and share your ideas – we will circulate the best suggestions and stories of your successes
- Turn lights off in unoccupied rooms and offices during the day

**Our total 23%  
reduction in  
electricity  
consumption  
equals each of:**

7,274	metric tons of CO <sub>2</sub> emissions
16,916	barrels of oil
815,441	gallons of gasoline
1,515	Number of cars worth of greenhouse gas reduction

*At one property, you helped us save more than 1 million kilowatt hours of electricity, 22,000 gallons of oil, and 1.5 million gallons of water through the collection and processing of recycled materials*



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