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This addition was designed by Astorino and constructed by P.J. Dick Corporation. The LEED silver certification impacted how the construction process was conducted. The contractor was required to sort, separate and track all recyclable construction debris. The building was also required to use regionally produced materials, such as steel and lumber, during construction. The use of low-fume emitting carpets, paints and adhesives throughout the project as well as the selection of materials that contain recycled content were utilized in the design.

VAPHS continues to be fully committed to honoring our veterans by providing the most advanced state-of-the-art facilities in servicing our nation's heroes.



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# Taking the **LEED**

Going Green at VAPHS



# state-of-the-art



**VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System (VAPHS)** is proud to move to a new environmentally-friendly administration building. VAPHS is excited to announce that this building is certified in the Leadership in Energy and Environment Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System. LEED is a nationally accepted organization for design, operation and construction of green buildings ensuring that these buildings are environmentally compatible, provide a healthy work environment, and are profitable. In order for the new administration building to become LEED certified, it was rated on the following criteria: sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, material and resources, indoor environmental quality, and innovation and design. VA Pittsburgh's strong commitment to protecting our environment will take the lead and set the standard for other VA healthcare systems.

The new two-story Administration Building encompasses approximately 70,000 square feet and will house approximately 250 employees. Most of VAPHS business functions will be relocated to this administration building that lines the entry boulevard to the Community Living Center at the H. John Heinz, III VA Progressive Care Center. These departments include the following: VAPHS Recruitment Center, Human Resources, Business Office (Fiscal, Accounts, Medical Records), Contracting, and Credentialing & Privileging. The Police and Security Training Simulation Center as well as a mail room and loading dock will be located here. In addition, this building will contain a centralized storage area for patient records.

The Administration Building is lined with large windows along the west face of the building to allow daylight into 85% of the office space. These windows are adjacent to one of the main communicating hallways of the building and includes an interior second story balcony spanning the entire length of the building. The layout of office space contains large, open cubicle designated areas with private offices lining the perimeter. This allows for easy air circulation and flexibility in the arrangement of the office space. Other features include: motion-sensors for all lights within the building, blue lights to designate fire extinguishers, and fuel efficient designated parking spots.

