

project study

The Wetlands Institute. Gainesville, Virginia

Teknion



- **CLIENT:** Wetlands Studies and Solutions, Inc. (WSSI)
- **PROJECT:** WSSI Headquarters, 5300 Wellington Branch Drive, Gainesville, VA
- **ARCHITECT:** W.A. Brown & Associates P.C.
- **INTERIOR DESIGN:** Bartzen & Ball
- **DEALER:** OM Workspace
- **PRODUCTS:** Leverage, Expansion Desking, Expansion Tables, Ledger, Spiral and Speckle Fabric



■ Natural Appeal



Wetlands Studies and Solutions Inc. is a Virginia-based water and natural resources consulting firm providing its clients with the guidance required to manage through the environmental regulations that accompany real estate development.

Led by a staff of one hundred - comprised of engineers, scientists, archaeologists, surveyors, technicians, GIS and administration – the dedicated team of WSSI are experienced in every facet of environmental regulation.

When WSSI outgrew their existing facility, they knew the new building they were to inhabit must embody in every way, their passion and dedication to sustainability.

Their project challenge was to become a gold LEED-CI building – no small feat – as only a few hundred facilities in the country had accomplished this goal. To manage the interiors of their new facility, the furniture selected would need to be as environmentally conscious as the organization itself.

The project solution from Teknion was in both product...and personnel. Tracy Backus, Teknion's Architecture and Design Program Manager, is a LEED accredited professional whose expertise helped the client and architect with selecting the interior finish materials and workstation options to meet the certification's stringent guidelines. Armed with the expertise in LEED, Tracy could offer both her consultation on the project - and because of Teknion's environmental commitment - she could work with the WSSI team to select the best product to meet their needs, as Teknion has made Greenguard certification a requirement for its major product lines.



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“Working on the product selection and assisting the client with their submission material to achieve their goal of certification was thrilling. WSSI is the first gold LEED CI building in Virginia – I am so honored that Teknion was the solution provider for this outstanding installation.”

*Tracy Backus, Teknion
Architecture and Design Program Manager*



Backus stated, “We were so pleased to work with Meg Thomas and her team at Bartzen and Ball and WSSI to make the client’s dream a reality. This project was extremely important to the client, design firm and to Teknion. We are so proud to have been a part of this important installation.”

The installation is furnished with 80 Leverage workstations, 50 Expansion Desking stations, Expansion Tables, Ledger filing and storage. Spiral and Speckle corn-derived panel fabrics were chosen because of their rapidly renewable quality and the substrate wheatboard graced the Leverage and Expansion worksurfaces.

Scott Duego, Senior Vice President of Design, Marketing and Sustainable Development for Teknion worked closely with Tracy Backus to achieve the client’s goal. He stated, “Wheatboard contributed to a total of 20 percent (MR 4.2) recycled content overall for the interior materials. Without it, WSSI would have only received one point for MR 4.1 requiring a 10 percent total.” ■



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