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## LEED CERTIFICATION

### SORORITY HOUSE RENOVATION ACHIEVES LEED SILVER CERTIFICATION - COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND

Phase VIII of the Fraternity/ Sorority Renovation Program involved the major renovation of two sorority houses at the University of Maryland College Park. Now complete, the \$8.6 million renovations led by Design Collective have successfully achieved LEED Silver Certification under the USGBC's NC v2.2. scoring criteria. New energy efficient systems include an improved thermal envelope, high efficiency glazing, reduced interior lighting power density and occupancy sensors. The project also reduced potable water use by 30% through the installation of dual-flush water closets, low-flow showers and kitchen sinks, and ultra low-flow lavatories.

#### ABOUT DESIGN COLLECTIVE, INC.:

Design Collective is an award-winning multi-disciplinary design firm headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland, with a branch office in Durham, North Carolina. Founded in 1978, the firm provides innovative solutions nationally and internationally in architecture, planning, landscape architecture, and interior architecture. For additional information, please visit [www.designcollective.com](http://www.designcollective.com).