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Project Cost:

n/a

Square Footage:

n/a sf

Cost per Square Foot:

n/a

Completion Date:

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Project Description:

Occupying a thirty-acre site outside of Washington, D.C., this new complex maintains the individual identities of both Gannett and USA Today while fostering a sense of community between them. The new headquarters weaves program elements into a thoughtful design that promotes workplace efficiency and employee well-being.

The building offers occupants a variety of spaces, both interior and exterior. The facility resembles a modern-day hill town, complete with a town square. Sensitive to community concerns, the low-rise scheme addresses height limitations, setbacks, and view angles, ensuring zoning requirements and conditions are met and respected.

Green Features:

The below-grade parking facility allows for the preservation of the site's original vegetation. Extensive landscaping reinforces and enhances the natural beauty of the site.

Extensive landscaped areas and planted terraces along with minimum paved areas allow rainwater to return directly and naturally to groundwater. A storm water management pond provides an irrigation source for the outdoor landscaping.

The complex utilizes a variety of environmentally sound building materials. High-performance energy-efficient glass reduces heating, cooling and electricity loads.

Additional sustainable elements include individually-controlled shades at workplace areas and a motorized shading system activated by sensors for the south-facing circulation zones.

Domestic hardwood is used for the wood veneer panels. The use of the local Potomac basin stone for a rusticated base and stone wall reduced transportation costs and linked the headquarters to its context.

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