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**Owner:**

Chesapeake Bay Foundation

**Project Cost:**

\$7,200,000

**Square Footage:**

32,000 sf

**Cost per Square Foot:**

\$225.00/sf

**Completion Date:**

December 2000

**Project Consultants:**

**Contractor**

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**Project Description:**

The Philip Merrill Environmental Center is the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. In design, construction and operation, the Center reflects our mission to protect and restore the Bay and is a valuable resource not only for the nearly 100 people who work here, but also for our 116,500 members and volunteers. To save the Bay, we must reduce pollution, restore habitat, and replenish our fish stocks. The Merrill Center combines space-age technology with age-old techniques to play a role in each.

**Green Features:**

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation Headquarters building is recognized as one of the "greenest" buildings ever constructed. Sustainability issues ranging from energy use to material selection were given serious consideration throughout design and construction of this facility. It was the first building to receive a Platinum rating through the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Rating System, version 1.0.

