

Saybrook Point Inn, Marina and Spa Sustainability Initiative Highlights

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Primary business: Inn, Spa and Marina

Environmental objectives or summary of sustainability mission statement:

Saybrook Point Inn & Spa is committed to being the most sustainable lodging establishment, while maintaining the most comfortable environment for our guests. Our pristine location at the mouth of the CT River inspires us to be good stewards.

Sustainability Initiative:

Saybrook Point Inn & Spa has established a Green Team, involving all departments, which meets monthly to explore and implement new initiatives. All employees are encouraged to contribute their ideas.

Major Goals:

- Convert the entire facility from heating oil and propane to natural gas
- Add solar thermal panels to provide hot water for the Inn
- Become a carbon neutral establishment

Major Accomplishments:

- Saybrook Point Inn & Spa was the first full service hotel in Connecticut to receive the Energy Star rating, in 2007.
- On site waste treatment (system provided by GeoMatrix, a CT company) utilizing air and UV light.
- Saybrook Point Marina was the first DEP designated Clean Marina in 2003.
- Saybrook Point has reduced its carbon footprint by 180 metric tons since 2006.
- Maximizing the heat recycling system to capture and recycle the waste heat generated by the hotel.
- The swimming pools convert salt for chlorination.
- Restaurant cooking grease is recycled for biofuel.
- The Inncom (a Connecticut company) energy system will sense if someone is in the room or not and modify the temperature accordingly.
- CFL and LED lighting is used throughout the building.
- Saybrook Point Inn and Marina has received 12 DEP GreenCircle Awards.
- PV Solar Panels help provide electricity for the Inn.
- 500 KW bio fuel capable low emission generator allows us to participate in the ISO demand response program.
- Low impact laundry implements ozone to reduce energy and chemical use.
- Rain sensor sprinklers and organic lawn care are used.
- Recycled soap is sent to Haiti and other countries in need, through Clean World.
- A chemical free cooling tower (by Dolphin, a CT company) is used at the Inn.

Lesson(s) Learned:

- Owners, employees and guests all benefit from a sustainable approach, which has also reduced costs and attracted new business.