

ViveVerde, The Living Office Building

Vive Verde will be the first of its kind - a LIVING office building - in historic downtown Lake Worth, Florida. Every aspect of this LEED-Certified* building has been carefully planned by Living Design Systems to preserve, honor and utilize the environment. Vive Verde will be a building that grows from our earth rather than one that depletes her natural resources.

Vive Verde, The Living Office is located in Lake Worth, Florida. Integrated rooftop gardens and other green roof elements collect rainwater, minimize runoff, mitigate internal microclimate and are used to treat graywater while providing a valuable site amenity. Treated graywater and rainwater are reused in the Living Office to create a green Biolarium® space accessible to all.

Today's diverse working hours are the inspiration for a Living Office building. We turned the common office building design inside-out to create The Living Office. Rather than placing a compact building form on an urban site and surrounding it with a perimeter landscape strip, we brought the natural elements inside.

This allows integrated living systems to create synergy through the use, collection, treatment, and re-use of water and related passive climate control techniques. The architectural integration of these systems creates a living core for the entire building, increasing the indoor environmental quality.

It will be a four-story office building with garage parking and retail on the ground floor level. This first floor will also be rich with gardens and a beautiful waterfall flowing into it from the second floor above. Tentatively, the two retail outlets on the first floor will be a "UPS Store" on the east side and a "specialty cafe-coffee shop" on the west side. The three floors above will contain office space and views into the center of the building looking into the Biolarium, gardens, streams, and waterfall. A "living roof" lush with plants, trees, gardens, and sitting and viewing areas will top the building.

Vive Verde will be registered with the Green Building Council and will be LEED-Certified. The LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Building Rating System is a voluntary, consensus-based national standard for developing high-performance, sustainable buildings.

Vive Verde will be a "Living Machine". 'Living Building' Systems create their synergy through the use, collection, treatment, and re-use of water. Building form and details are water-driven decisions producing a style called 'Aquatecture.' Living Design Systems, LLC, a pioneer of the green building movement, states the criteria for a Living Machine as:

1. Aesthetic appeal
2. Reliable performance
3. High quality final effluent suitable for a variety of reuse applications

The main office occupant of the building will be the renowned law firm of Romano Law Group. John Romano, a partner in the firm and former President of the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, as well as former Chairman of the National College of Advocacy, has this to say: "There is no second chance when it comes to the environment. We either do it right in this century, or it may well be ruined forever."

The law firm offices will feature a mock trial courtroom with jury facilities; a state-of-the-art video conference center, as well as a gym and fitness center. Visit their website at www.rec-law.com

THE OWNER – VIVE VERDE, INC.

Nancy Romano, President of Vive Verde, Inc., owner of the new "LIVING OFFICE BUILDING," asks "Can you imagine a society in modern times where we construct beautiful, livable, and workable office buildings and homes which in turn enhance the environment, recycle water, sustain energy, and provide a home for Mother Earth instead of buildings constructed which continuously wound our Planet Earth? This is a reality! It can and will happen but it requires a vigilant and continuous focus on environmental needs and concerns."

Kyle Hewitt, Director of Operations for Vive Verde, Inc. , "This will be a place where people want to go and enjoy, not just a building or a job, but an experience."

LEAD ARCHITECT

John Szerdi of Living Design Systems, LLC. "Instead of placing a compact building form on an urban site and surround it with the obligatory perimeter landscape strip, we have decided to bring many of the natural elements inside and 'on top.'"

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