

Council Gardens – Green Inside and Out

Council Gardens' \$2 million renovation involved updating our buildings using environmentally friendly green products and energy efficient equipment

We replaced:

- The midrise roof and air handler.
- Entrance doors.
- Hallway and breezeway flooring.
- Unit kitchens.
- Older refrigerators and air conditioners.
- Interior light fixtures in the corridors, garages, units, and breezeways.
- Exterior light fixtures.
- Boilers, hot water tanks, heating tubes, and thermostats in the garden buildings.
- Windows in the units and in the breezeways.
- Toilets and vanities.

We added:

- A recycling program with an educational component.
- *Green* product stations throughout the complex for maintenance and housekeeping staff.
- Integrated Pest Management (IPM), an environmentally sensitive approach to pest management, to significantly reduce the use of pesticides.
- Photographs throughout common areas and breezeways depicting our grounds and flowers.
- Wall murals depicting gardens.

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