

H2M receives 2017 Theodore Roosevelt Preservation Awards

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Shown (from left) are: Rich Humann, P.E. CEO & president H2M architects + engineers; and Dr. Calvin Butts, III, president, SUNY Old Westbury.

Melville, NY For their commitment to environmental responsibility and its leadership in the Long Island business community on issues related to responsible design and construction the firm of H2M architects + engineers received the 2017 Theodore Roosevelt Preservation Award from Old Westbury College Foundation, Inc. at their annual Summer Polo Match and Lawn Party.

SUNY Old Westbury situated on a 604-acre campus takes an interest in the environment on which it operates. In recognition of this, the Old Westbury College Foundation, Inc. created in 2004 the Theodore Roosevelt Award for Preservation to honor those men, women and organizations that work to protect Long Island's critical natural resources.

The leadership and staff of H2M architects + engineers said, “Sustainability isn’t something we do; It’s something we live.” Through its professional expertise and collaborative approach, H2M each day lives out its commitment to being responsible stewards of the environment and for future generations who will live and work in the communities in which it operates.

The company’s sustainable designs incorporate a “whole systems approach.” Minimizing the impact of the project on the environment, H2M professionals take into account the building envelope, electrical and mechanical systems, site characteristics, local environment, and materials used. The firm’s plans for municipalities and neighborhoods consider how to balance transportation demands and economics with environmental conservation, historic preservation, and the community’s quality of life.

Through every relationship H2M develops and every project is successfully completed, H2M seeks to show that sustainability does not have to cost more. Using integrated design, analysis and research, the firm designs projects that take a practical and efficient approach to sustainability.

While high quality, professional services have been the hallmark of H2M since its founding in 1933, the firm’s commitment to the idea that environmental sustainability is a critical business element came to the fore newly 20 years ago. In 2000, when the U.S. Green Building Council first developed the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design rating system, H2M architect Ron Lanner knew that it would not just be a trend in the industry, but a movement towards a more sustainable approach to building and infrastructure design. At that time Mr. Lanner, Vice President and studio Director for the Emergency Services market, and fellow trailblazing architect Danny Tanzi were the first in the firm to pursue LEED accreditation.

In the years since, the ranks of H2M’s LEED Accredited Professionals have multiplied. Currently, the company has 30 LEED Accredited Professionals and counting from across its various disciplines, including architecture; mechanical, electrical and plumbing; structural; civil; wastewater; and water supply.