



## LANDSCAPE • LEADERSHIP • SUSTAINABILITY

### WHAT IS THE NEW GREEN?

It's our vision for reshaping the landscaping industry. By eliminating the conflict between "what's best for customers" and "what's best for the environment," we want to change the way people think about sustainability.

The new green means landscapes that are both environmentally friendly and easier to maintain. It means building partnerships to help customers care for landscapes season after season. It means making the most of every resource, minimizing waste and loss along the way. In short, "the new green" means seeing environmental stewardship as a way to achieve business success – both for ourselves and for each of our customers.

## WANT TO SEE "THE NEW GREEN" IN ACTION?

We invite you to take a tour  
of our facilities.

To take our Green Building  
Tour, please give us a call at  
**630 497 1000.**

### GREEN FROM THE GROUND UP

At Sebert, we don't just talk about environmental stewardship. We act on it. One example is our newly redesigned corporate headquarters, which features a LEED®-certified building, a green roof, and an innovative, eco-friendly landscape.

Our building and rooftop patio also make great settings for off-site meetings. Read more about our facilities below.

#### OUR BUILDING

Our 30,000 square-foot corporate office and fleet management center have earned LEED gold certification. This designation, as established by the U.S. Green Building Council, means that our facilities meet the highest standards for environmental responsibility and provide a healthy work environment for our employees.

Thanks to a variety of energy-saving measures, our new headquarters is twice the size of our old facilities – but uses the same amount of electricity and natural gas. The interior of our Prairie-style office features reclaimed wood details – including flaming birch accents and paneling made from 19th century logs retrieved from Lake Superior. Other green building elements include motion-sensing and self-adjusting lighting, architectural sunshades to regulate temperature, concrete and bamboo flooring, low-VOC paint, and low-flow plumbing.

#### OUR ROOF

Because we believe sustainable landscapes can live anywhere, we added on our roof. Above the Sebert corporate office, a LiveRoof® tray system holds 6,500 square feet of decorative allium and tall grasses. In addition to adding color and texture, this pre-planted, customized system insulates our building, extends the life of our roof, filters pollutants and collects rainwater. Adjacent to this lush landscape, a 1,800-square-foot reclaimed wood deck and pergola give our employees a relaxing spot to grab lunch or get a breath of fresh air.

#### OUR LANDSCAPE

As living proof of our green philosophy, our award-winning landscape features native plants and several eco-friendly details. The first is a 5,000-gallon water feature, fed by rainwater collected from our facilities and built with stone sourced from within a 10-mile radius. Surplus water from the water feature drains into a detention pond, which we use to irrigate our property. For even greater conservation, Sebert crews draw from the pond to fill tanks used to water client properties off-site. Additional outdoor elements include a 9,000-square-foot permeable paver parking lot that collects storm water, and a bioswale feature to collect and filter runoff.

#### OUR GARAGE

When you have such a large, sustainability-minded fleet, you need an equally impressive place to house it. Our 15,000-square-foot fleet center holds our entire fleet and upholds our green philosophy. Solar panels on the roof of the building generate about one-third of the electricity needed to power our corporate office. Overhead radiant tubes of natural gas efficiently deliver heat directly to our mechanics' workspace, eliminating the need to heat the entire building – and quickly defrosting snow-caked vehicles ready for wintertime maintenance. The garage's green characteristics inspired our prototype solar trailer nearby. Solar film covers the trailer's roof, and a converter box powers a row of battery chargers for our battery-powered equipment.