

Hart Howerton Announces LEED Silver Certification for the Grand Expansion at Hotel Hershey

Entire \$67 Million Dollar Renovation, including Harvest Restaurant and Luxury Guest Cottages, Recognized by US Green Building Council

August 13, 2010 - The Hotel Hershey in Hershey, PA has been awarded LEED Silver Certification by the US Green Building Council for its Grand Expansion, a \$67 million renovation that began in 2007. Specifically noted within this distinction were the Harvest Restaurant and the ten new luxury guest cottages that were added to the hotel's property as part of the Grand Expansion.

“We were thrilled to be tasked with the design and master planning of ‘The Grand Expansion’”, said Jim Tinson, CEO of Hart Howerton. “Our goal was to remain loyal to the integrity of the original structure while ensuring that the development be environmentally conscious and sustainable, including the use of recycled materials and energy conservation methods wherever possible.”

The design and master planning was executed by Hart Howerton, by a project team led by Ron Rainone, on behalf of Hershey Entertainment and Resorts. Elements of The Grand Expansion that were recognized by the US Green Building Council include the use of recycled materials in the overall construction; the employment of geothermal heating and cooling methods; and the implementation of eco paving and rain gardens, which allow rainwater to be re-used. Working with the current Hershey Nursery, the resort also established an organic farm whose products are included on the menu at the restaurant.

Hart Howerton worked with a LEED certified consultant on The Grand Expansion, Anna Packard from Steven Winters Associates; as well as a team of engineers, including Jim Kowalski from CES Engineers for MEP and Tim Przybylowski from Century Engineering. The interior designer was Craig Smith from C-2 Limited.

Along with dramatic upgrades to the Hotel Hershey's entry road, front entrance, and hotel lobby, and the inclusion of a new porte cochere, The Grand Expansion included the addition of ten new luxury guest cottages, adding 48 new guest rooms to the property; an additional cottage devoted to meetings and events; a multi-pool swimming complex with an infinity-edge pool; year-round ice-skating on an artificial ice rink; a brand new recreation area boasting basketball, croquet, sand volleyball and tennis, among other sports; Harvest, a 130-seat restaurant; and seven new boutique shops in the main hotel building, known as The Shops at The Hotel Hershey, featuring a range of luxury products.

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