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# The Crossings

## Growth. Balance. Sanctuary.



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THE CROSSINGS, A PROGRESSIVE LEARNING CENTER, MEETING PLACE AND WELLNESS SPA IN AUSTIN, TEXAS, sits on 210 acres (85 hectares) of beautiful, yet fragile, hill country. To limit negative impacts on the site and its habitat, all construction was limited to 34 acres (14 hectares); the balance is protected through an agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Most hardwood trees, the larger ash junipers, native grasses and significant rock formations were preserved to shade all new pathways, roads and structures, thereby minimizing heat buildup and energy consumption. With the exception of two small manicured areas, all landscaping was xeriscaped with plants native or adapted to central Texas. Rainwater that falls on the buildings' roofs is collected and stored for use in landscape irrigation.

To reduce consumption of nonrenewable resources, many of the building materials used at The Crossings contain recycled content. For example, all structural concrete contains fly ash. Many of the outdoor decks are fabricated using reclaimed plastic and waste wood. Many buildings have fiber-cement exterior siding, which is a

composite of ground wood chips and portland cement. The acoustical material used as floor underlayment is made of 100 percent post-consumer recycled waste paper with no asbestos or formaldehyde additives.

Building materials include paints and finishes that are zero or low VOC. All carpet meets or exceeds the Carpet & Rug Institute's Green Label Indoor Air Quality Carpet Testing Program. The Crossings also employs materials derived from rapidly renewable resources, including bamboo, cork and linseed oil.

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### GREEN MATERIALS

COMPOSITE DECKING / **Trex Co. LLC**, Winchester, Va., [www.trex.com](http://www.trex.com)  
FIBER-CEMENT SIDING / Hardiboard and Hardiplank from **James Hardie**, Mission Viejo, Calif., [www.jameshardie.com](http://www.jameshardie.com)  
PAINT / Lifemaster from **ICI Paints**, Hilo, Hawaii, [www.icipaintstores.com](http://www.icipaintstores.com) and Eco Spec from **Benjamin Moore & Co.**, Montvale, N.J., [www.benjaminmoore.com](http://www.benjaminmoore.com)  
CARPET / Modular carpet tiles from **Interface Flooring Systems**, LaGrange, Ga., [www.interfaceflooring.com](http://www.interfaceflooring.com) and broadloom carpet from **Shaw Industries Inc.**, Dalton, Ga., [www.shawfloors.com](http://www.shawfloors.com)  
WATERBORNE FINISHES / **BonaKemi**, Malmö, Sweden, [www.bona.com](http://www.bona.com)  
FLOOR UNDERLAYMENT / **Homasote Co.**, West Trenton, N.J., [www.homasote.com](http://www.homasote.com)

ARCHITECT / **Hatch Partnership Architects**, Austin, Texas, [www.hatcharch.com](http://www.hatcharch.com)  
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT / **The Office of James Burnett**, Houston, [www.ojb.com](http://www.ojb.com)