Each year, the City of Columbus honors three organizations who demonstrate excellence in sustainable business practices; going above and beyond the requirements of the GreenSpot program. The 2018 GreenSpotLight awards are being presented to three outstanding businesses.

Congratulations...

AMP
WOOLPERT
ProSource WHOLESALE

This document describes the efforts each organization underwent in 2017 to help make Columbus a beautiful, healthy, and prosperous city.

Please consider becoming a member of the GreenSpot program for your home, business, school or community group online at www.ColumbusGreenSpot.org. Interact and share your accomplishments throughout the year with our online community at www.facebook.com/ColumbusGreenSpot and on Twitter @GreenSpotCbus.

Sponsors of the 2018 GreenSpotLight Celebration:
Woolpert, Inc. has taken big and small steps to reduce their environmental impact. **Conserving Energy.** In 2017 they undertook a major—$500,000—facility improvement project including replacement of a 25-year-old HVAC chiller and control system. The new 270 ton chiller allows for individual zone control depending on the demands of the facility. AMP lowered their electric bill by installing LEDs throughout the building and underground parking garage. The roof was replaced with a white-reflective material which reflects 90% of sunlight. They have saved more than $32,000 and 335,400 kWh annually from these upgrades. AMP has applied its seven sustainability principles as electric power generation resources are chosen and developed for its member utilities. AMP’s members are powered by 21% renewable resources. A combination of hydroelectric, wind, solar and landfill gas make up the renewable energy portfolio. In 2017, AMP completed the largest deployment of new run-of-the river hydro in the nation in recent years. Combined, these projects on existing Ohio River Army Corps locks and dams at Cannelton, Meldahl, Smithland and Willow Island added more than 300 MW of new hydropower. **Conserving Water.** High efficient water fixtures have been installed in the bathrooms and kitchen. **Green Transportation.** AMP recently installed a dual Level 2 charging station at their headquarters which will be available to employees, visitors, and building tenants. AMP has a bike rack and shower facilities. To reduce congestion AMP encourages employees to bring their lunch, scheduled food trucks visit the building on a regular basis, and AMP provides lunch for employees once a month. **Waste Reduction.** Each year AMP recycles, on average, 60,000 pounds. They send their weekly publications electronically; developed websites for their members and employees to share articles, reports, meeting information; and implemented a document management software systems to automate the workflow for all of its accounts payable activity as well as manage contracts and other documents—thus eliminating the use of paper.

Woolpert, Inc. has taken big and small steps to reduce their environmental impact. They have a staff policy of turning off their office appliances like coffee machines, monitors, copiers, and other equipment. They have programmable thermostats and motion sensors on their lights to reduce their energy consumption. To reduce waste Woolpert, Inc. recycles LED/halogen bulbs, old computers, plastic bags, and batteries along with paper, cardboard, steel, aluminum, and glass. They also donate eye glasses to the “Give the Gift of Sight” group. They send out regular reminders about what is and is not recyclable and collect more than 2,500 lbs of recyclable material a year. All new hires are made aware of their recycling program as well as GreenSpot. They reuse seasonal decorations and have recycling bins in each office. To remind staff of their commitment to sustainability, Woolpert’s GreenSpot commitments are listed in a common area. Employees have biked about 768 miles last year going to and from work. They’ve recently installed a bike rack for their employees and a bike repair station.

ProSource Wholesale Flooring. Kitchen and Bath may be considered a small business, but their green impact is huge. They have covered nearly half of their roof with solar panels. This installation has offset 194.37 pounds of NOx and powered lightbulbs for 781,251 hours. They have also converted their showroom lighting to LEDs. They spent nearly $250,000 on upgrading their HVAC system to a more energy efficient models. They purchased a Prius for their company car. They have incorporated many recyclable flooring products including surfaces and carpet pad items. To conserve and protect water they installed high efficiency toilets, a refillable water station, and eliminated landscaping that required regular watering. They’ve challenged twelve neighboring businesses and nine employees to become GreenSpots.