

Croc's 19th Bistro, an eco-bistro Experience!

Croc's 19th Street Bistro is proud to be the first restaurant in the state to be certified as "Virginia Green", the Commonwealth's program to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. Participating facilities, at a minimum, must commit to Recycling (at least glass), Grease Recycling, Eliminating use of Styrofoam and Reduce Disposables, Water Efficiency, and Energy Conservation.



Croc's offers a unique, one of a kind Green Restaurant experience as an **eco-bistro** with an award winning wine list, a lively gathering place for dining dancing with live local musicians offering a coastal casual cuisine striving to serve sustainable, organic, local, and seasonal ingredients as-well-as organic and sustainable coffee, wine, beer, vodka and gin. Our seafood is selected from the Monterrey Bay Aquarium's Seafood Watch List.

□ **eco** *pref.* (ē'kō) *mostly relating to ecological terms. Our business puts the earth first from the food and drink we strive to serve (organic, sustainable, local) to the take-away containers we use of 100% compostable, to the recycling programs, e-newsletters, local music, zebra striped engineered hardwood dance floor, and dining spaces re-designed with renewable, recycled, and environmentally friendly materials. Al fresco dining and a bike rack are among our eco-friendly amenities.*

□ **bistro** *n., pl. -tros* (bs trō) *A small cafe, tavern, or nightclub. A small, informal restaurant serving wine.*

In support of our efforts to be Green, Croc's has chosen to be a "non-smoking" facility.

Linens, china and glassware is used to cut down on disposables. All of our take-away packaging (containers, cups, straws, lids and bags) is made from biodegradable, recycled or corn, not petroleum, and composts in 45 days. Nearly 80% of our daily waste is recycled. Cleaning products and supplies for our staff are safe, effective and green.

We have just completed phase 1 of a master plan that incorporates eco friendly initiatives with low VOC paints, renewable and recycled materials in redesigning with a sensible approach to what was once a former Grocery Store building. Water conserving toilets, urinals, and dishwashing machine and energy efficient lighting and appliances are used with a plan in place to replace existing items with eco friendly alternatives.

Renovations and the master plan were designed by Duff Kliewer, a local architect and interior designer with an extensive green design background. His firm, Cox Kliewer and Company www.coxkliewer.com, has been designing projects incorporating green technologies for over 10 years and are LEED and Earth Craft Certified.