

## Croc's 19<sup>th</sup> Bistro, an eco-bistro Experience!

Croc's 19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.coxkliewer.com), has been designing projects incorporating green technologies for over 10 years and are LEED and Earth Craft Certified.