

## [Nonprofits benefit from CH2M HILL move](#)

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When engineering firm [CH2M HILL](#) moved this summer from the Flatiron Building on Bay Street down to the Bellwether Gate Building on the waterfront, the company left behind nearly 40 tons of office equipment and other materials that were no longer needed.

Rather than sending that equipment to a landfill, CH2M HILL worked with the [Washington State University Whatcom County Extension](#) and [Sustainable Connections](#) to develop a “Toward Zero Waste Plan.” Now all of that equipment can be found in the offices of more than 70 regional nonprofits.

“Moving more than 200 employees and all of the equipment that goes along with an engineering firm is nothing less than a logistical nightmare,” said Dave Boyer, CH2M HILL Director of Operations, in a press release. “Due to the unselfish and tireless efforts of numerous dedicated people, our move came off without a hitch and the local community benefitted from our recycled furniture.”

[Evergreen AIDS Foundation](#) was able to outfit most of their 3,900-square-foot office using CH2M HILL’s contribution and the [Whatcom Center for Early Learning](#) (WCEL) can better organize its work space with the added office equipment as their staff is growing.

With budgets tight for many nonprofits, Laura Nelson of WCEL said the staff is grateful to have the equipment in such great condition.

“We are located in an old Victorian home with lots of odd spaces, which is not always conducive to good storage,” Nelson said. “We were able to setup two new work stations, bookshelves, file cabinets, and bulletin boards.”

The [RE Store](#) and [Hardware Sales](#) also walked through the space to take what they could for resale, and NW Recycling recycled the remaining materials at no charge.