Jonathan Rose Companies was selected by the Sisters of the Divine Compassion (SDC) to create Sustainability Guidelines for the Greening of the Good Counsel Campus located in White Plains, NY. Founded in 1886, the Sisters of the Divine Compassion is a religious community that attends to the suffering of others, the empowerment of women and children, the needs of the poor and marginalized, alternatives to violence, including the violence done to the earth, and the creation of community. The Campus is very active with multiple users: children ages pre-school through high school, visiting groups for retreats, counseling center services, health services for Sisters, resident Sisters, administrative offices and spiritual uses. SDC wishes to be an environmental steward by operating and maintaining the Campus as ‘green’ as possible.

Jonathan Rose Companies provided recommendations to SDC for greening the Campus facilities and grounds. Our team worked with the Sisters to survey the campus and prepare a Project Plan that outlines short and long-term greening measures to be taken to improve efficiency and long-term health of the campus’ facilities and to provide an opportunity for learning.

Jonathan Rose Companies’ recommendations reflected an integrated approach of capital modifications, re-visioning of operations and maintenance protocols, a green governance structure, and education and outreach initiatives. The project was a meaningful educational opportunity for both staff and students who play a major role in helping the Campus meet its green goals.