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## **Kaplan Thompson Architects Makes Architect Magazine's Top 50 Firms in Sustainability List**

**Portland, ME — November 26, 2018** — Kaplan Thompson Architects of Portland, Maine is pleased to announce that it is the only Maine company on ARCHITECT magazine's [Top 50 Firms in Sustainability List](#). The ARCHITECT 50 program is an annual ranking done by the publication, which is the official journal of the American Institute of Architects, with scores calculated in three categories: business, sustainability, and design.

Kaplan Thompson Architects, a small firm with 11 employees, joins an impressive group of firms of all sizes located throughout the country. Principal Phil Kaplan commented, "We have been committed to sustainable design since we started the firm 12 years ago. It's gratifying to be recognized for this commitment and we're honored to have our work reviewed by such an esteemed panel of judges." The sustainability rankings are calculated based on participation in the AIA's 2030 Commitment Program, the percent of projects that met or exceeded the 2030 target, employee certifications, building certifications, and a green project that exemplifies the firm's commitment to sustainability.

Integral to the ranking is the firm's participation in the design of a new campus for The Ecology School in Saco, Maine, which is committed to both Living Building Challenge and Living Community Challenge certifications, two of the most advanced measures of sustainability in the built environment today. Scheduled to start construction in winter 2018, the new campus will include a dormitory and commons situated on a 105-acre organic farm with produce, livestock, and orchards, which will anchor lessons in sustainable agriculture and food systems. Other notable Passive House-certified projects in the Portland area designed by the firm include Bayside Anchor apartments and Friends School of Portland.

### **About Kaplan Thompson Architects**

[Kaplan Thompson Architects](#) has been committed to designing beautiful, sustainable, attainable buildings since 2006. With a focus in residential new construction and renovations, multifamily homes, restaurants, and educational facilities, the firm operates throughout New England, primarily in Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Vermont.

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