

Location, location

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MARLBOROUGH —

An environmental engineering and consulting firm appears to be enjoying its new home in the city.

Comprehensive Environmental Inc. moved from Milford in January.

Employees said they like the accessibility at the Cedar Hill Street building.

"It's a good location because it's right in the middle of the 495 corridor," said Eileen Pannetier, president of the company. "A lot of our clients are in this region."

The company focuses on providing environmental solutions for municipalities, industries and agencies.

"There are a lot of complex environmental regulations," Pannetier said.

For example, the Environmental Protection Agency has fined a number of municipalities for failure to comply with stormwater regulations.

"We're helping them get back in compliance without busting the budget," Pannetier said.

David Nyman, the company's chief engineer, works on technical peer reviews of subdivision and site plan designs. The company reviews an application for compliance with local and state regulations.

For example, the company recently completed a review for the Milford Zoning Board of Appeals on the Quarry Pond Village affordable housing project. The review included analysis of wetlands and stormwater impacts.

"That (application) has been withdrawn," Nyman said.

The company has performed a number of similar tasks for other communities.

"They're looking for someone who is independent, one that can give an objective opinion," Nyman said. "We've found we're pretty well respected for being objective."

Comprehensive Environmental has 30 employees - less than 10 in Marlborough and the rest at its Merrimack, N.H., location. The company plans to add more jobs and may have closer to 20 employees in Marlborough within two years.

"We're really just getting our anchors in and getting started up here," Pannetier said.

The lease was up in Milford and the company found what Pannetier calls a "much nicer space" in Marlborough near Simarano Drive for a similar price.

"The real estate market was positive from a tenant's position," Pannetier said.

The company has 5,000 square feet at 225 Cedar Hill St.

"It's been excellent," Nyman said. "The facilities are great."
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