



# john wells

*co-founder / design & customer experience*

A graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design, John began his career as a furniture maker, but his passion for combining business and sustainability led him to create a unique business model that is both mission and profit driven. In 2003, John helped launch Urban Hardwoods, then co-founded Meyer Wells in 2006. John collaborates with local and national architects and interior designers to create residential and commercial projects that embrace the Meyer Wells brand of woodworking. John helped conceive and deliver the live edge countertop program for Starbucks, designed and produced furniture for Nordstrom retail, The Gates Foundation, the Bullitt Foundation, Hilton Gardens Inn, University of Washington and many other commercial, NGO and residential projects.

John's philosophy as a deep ecologist laid the foundation for his ongoing self-education about how to achieve sustainability. In 1996 he committed his career to helping develop a conservation-based economy in the Northwest through teaching, collaborations with local design firms and corporations, and by creating entrepreneurial opportunities using urban salvage and FSC certified Northwest materials, and exceeding LEED requirements.



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