



Preserving Historic Green Neighborhoods

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LEED for Neighborhood Development and Historic Preservation (Photo Credit: SyracuseCoe)

Historic preservation is a green building strategy. A new guidance manual, [LEED for Neighborhood Development and Historic Preservation](#), outlines strategies (and reasoning) geared towards helping project teams incorporate historic resources into their developments. This new recourse connects reuse and rehabilitation of historic resources with energy, water, waste, and infrastructure efficiency. It identifies the ways, some explicit and some nuanced, that the [LEED for Neighborhood Development \(LEED-ND\)](#) rating system encourages preservation.

[LEED for Neighborhood Development and Historic Preservation](#) identifies LEED-ND credits and prerequisites that directly address historic preservation as well as credits that incorporate typical characteristics of historic buildings. Whether you're a project team thinking of incorporating existing buildings into your development or a preservationist interested in green characteristics of older buildings, this guide will highlight how green building and preservation can work together to stitch the past together with the future.

Last month, PHS District Neighborhood - The Presidio became the first LEED-ND 2009 certified project. Located in San Francisco, California, the Presidio began as a Spanish military outpost in 1776, and later served as a U.S. Army base until 1994 when it was transferred to the National Park Service. It is home to more than 433 individually significant historic buildings.

The stewards of this 1,491 acre network of parks, forest, recreation trails, and Spanish-influenced architecture, the Presidio Trust, are committed to [green building](#) and [historic preservation](#) in its incremental revitalization of the site. This vision led to 13 historic buildings and three cultural landscapes being included in the Public Health Service District LEED-ND project with the Presidio's largest historic building, a Georgian-revival style hospital, earning LEED-NC Gold certification.

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This is a great article. Especially as cities and states engage in climate action planning, neighborhoods with historic preservation and adaptive reuse elements play a key part in material reuse, blight removal, energy efficiency, and greenhouse gas emission mitigation. We hope to see more projects with historic and existing building components consider and utilize LEED ND.

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