Friday Roundup: Green Property Indexes, a LEED Hospital, Net-Zero Retail Space

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LEED Platinum Dell Children's Medical Center in Austin, Texas. Credit: rutlo via Flickr

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Coming soon: Sustainability ratings for real estate investments, *GreenBiz*. This article highlights the collaborative effort among USGBC, the FTSE Group and NAREIT to create a new family of green property indexes for institutional and retail investors, due to launch at the end of March.

World Food Prize Building now a green machine, *Des Moines Register*. The 19th century building gets a new lease on a sustainable life, taking home LEED Platinum after a major renovation project.

A family's view of a green hospital, *Green Building and Design*. This profile of the LEED Platinum Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas in Austin features kids like Thomas Molina, who are fighting cancer in a building designed to facilitate their recovery every step of the way.

Walgreens plans first net-zero retail store in U.S., *SmartPlanet*. Walgreens, a LEED Volume participant, is taking its action on sustainability to the next level, with plans for the nation's first net-zero retail space, in Evanston, Il.

Green building movement gaining momentum in New York, *Star-Gazette*. New York placed 7th on our annual list of the top 10 states for LEED, and this article highlights projects in the Elmira area that are helping move the state forward in greening its built environment.

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