



# 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

Here's our weekly collection of green building clips:

[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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