



# Friday Roundup: Targeting sustainability, LEED neighborhoods see drop in driving

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[Target's first round of stores in Canada receives LEED certification](#), Chain Store Age. Congratulations to Target, which certified its first 24 stores in Ontario through the [LEED Volume Program](#). Target is aiming for certification for all 124 stores it will open in Canada this year.

[How Green Building Standards Can Actually Change People's Behavior](#), The Atlantic Cities. New research shows that LEED for Neighborhood Development projects have significantly lower rates of driving than average development projects in the same regions.

[Free LEED Certification For Groundbreaking Projects Abroad](#), Environmental Leader. Through the [LEED Earth campaign](#), USGBC is offering free certification for the first LEED projects to certify in 114 countries.

[Report: Green Business Leads to a Greener Bottom Line](#), *Entrepreneur*. In a new study, four out of five small businesses said offering green products and services offers a competitive advantage over rivals.

[How Sustainable Are USA Federal Agencies](#), DesignBuild Source. Ten percent of the General Services Administration's buildings are now green, up from 8 percent last year, saving taxpayers \$65 million. However, some other federal agencies have a ways to go to make their facilities sustainable, according to recently released agency scorecards.

[Civic Center saves thousands through energy efficiency](#), *Daily Pilot*. The Civic Center in Newport Beach, Calif., is aiming for LEED Silver, and it expects to save more than \$78,000 a year on its energy bills.

[Balfour Beatty get LEED Gold for San Diego offices](#), Construction Digital. Construction giant Balfour Beatty took home Gold certification for its 22,100-square-foot office, where energy use in the first quarter was 40 percent below baseline calculations, the company said.



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