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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