

Friday Roundup: Gophers Going Green, California's Solar City, Double Platinum Digs

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[For Duluth schools, spending on energy-saving features can save over time](#), *Star Tribune*. The Minneapolis city convinced taxpayers that energy efficiency was worth the investment when overhauling its schools.

[With Eco-Friendly Building Supplies, Green Depot Thrives in the Construction Rebound](#), *Bloomberg Businessweek*. The retailer specializing in green construction material is succeeding in a market expected to reach \$86.6 billion by 2017.

[With Help From Nature, a Town Aims to be a Solar Capital](#), *The New York Times*. Lancaster, Calif., wants to be the first city to produce more electricity from solar energy than it consumes on a daily basis.

[Traveling a more environmentally friendly road](#), *USA Today*. In the air and on the ground, travelers are finding sustainable practices and properties in more places.

[Double LEED Platinum for GSK's New Headquarters](#), *Architect*. GlaxoSmithKline's facility in Philadelphia secured the rare honor of two Platinum certifications: one under LEED for Commercial Interiors and one under LEED for Core & Shell.

[Matthew Knight Arena is awarded certification for being green](#), *Daily Emerald*. The University of Oregon's 400,000-square-foot arena took home LEED Gold. Way to go Ducks!

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