

LEED v4 Development – the Road to Ballot

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Have you ever wondered what happens between the last public comment period and ballot? There are quite a few steps involved in closing the development process (when rating system changes are made based on marketplace feedback) and opening ballot.

To understand the process, you first have to understand the role of the **LEED Steering Committee (LSC)**. This is a diverse group of volunteers and USGBC staff who manage and guide the evolution of LEED. They're involved in every step of the development of LEED, from technical language to the program as a whole.

Step 1: Review comments

After each public comment period, the comments are reviewed by LSC members and additional USGBC staff to determine if any substantive changes need to be made. If changes are needed, they are made and a new draft is presented to the public. If not, we move on.

Step 2: Respond to comments

After the review, responses to the public comments are written. This happens for every comment period, even when no substantive changes are needed. The LSC reviews and approves all public comment responses to ensure that they address all feedback received.

Step 3: Approve the draft

If no substantive changes are needed, the rating system draft is approved by the LSC to enter ballot.

Where are we now with LEED v4?

During the last public comment period, we received 346 comments—bringing the total number of comments received over the last 32 months to over 22,000. The LSC reviewed all comments and determined that no additional technical language changes are needed. This means that step one is complete!

In the coming weeks, the LSC will do a last review of the responses to public comments and the draft of the LEED v4 credit language for ballot. The final approved versions will be posted on the [LEED v4 page](#) and in the [credit library](#) on June 1 with the opening of the vote.

Special thanks goes to the thousands of volunteers and stakeholders who have dedicated their time to the development of LEED. We're looking forward to the vote!

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