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## Green Building Leadership is LEED

LEED is the most widely used green building rating system in the world.

It works for all buildings at all phases of development, from new construction to existing buildings, and all building sectors, from homes to hospitals to corporate headquarters.

LEED projects are among the most efficient, high performing buildings in the world. LEED buildings:

- ✓ Save money
  - ✓ Consume less energy
  - ✓ Use less water
  - ✓ Use fewer resources
  - ✓ Provide healthier indoor environmental quality
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# WHAT IS LEED?

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More than 8.2 billion  
LEED-certified  
commercial square feet

2.6 million certified  
square feet a day

176 countries and  
territories with LEED  
projects

1-3 years average  
return on investment

100 certified  
cities and  
communities  
around the world.

## LEED Goals

- Reduce contribution to global climate change
- Enhance individual human health
- Protect and restore water resources
- Protect and enhance biodiversity and ecosystem services
- Promote sustainable and regenerative material cycles
- Build a green economy
- Enhance community quality of life

### LEED credentials

A LEED credential denotes proficiency in today's sustainable design, construction and operations standards.  
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### LEED on your campus

Search for LEED projects on your campus in the USGBC project directory.

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LEED can also be used as a teaching tool. LEED Lab is a multidisciplinary immersion course that utilizes project-based learning and the built environment to educate and prepare students to become green building leaders and sustainability-focused citizens. [usgbc.org/leed-lab](https://usgbc.org/leed-lab)

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