

Green Building Incentives

Supporting a Greener Eugene



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As of September 2009, incentives for building green are available from the City of Eugene to promote sustainable building practices in our community. Projects seeking green building certification through the Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED), Earth Advantage, Passive House or Living Building Challenge programs are eligible for a suite of incentives, including:



- Priority plan review and inspections
- System development charge reductions for local wastewater
- Technical assistance
- Recognition and publicity benefits

By offering these incentives, the City aims to reduce the time and costs for sustainable projects, encourage green building practitioners, and highlight the good work that is happening in our community.

Fairmount Square Rowhouses, LEED for Homes

Why Build Green?

Did you know that buildings are responsible for 39% of total energy use, 38% of carbon dioxide emissions, and 30% of waste output in the United States? The construction, operation, maintenance and removal of buildings have significant environmental, health and financial impacts. By creating healthier, more efficient places to live, work and play, green building presents a tremendous opportunity for sustainability. A green building may cost more up front, but saves through lower operating costs over the life of the building. Green buildings also have a market advantage. Research shows home buyers are willing to pay more for green features, especially those that save money on utility and maintenance costs.

What is Green Building?

Green building is the practice of increasing the efficiency with which buildings use resources — energy, water, and materials — while reducing building impacts on human health and the environment during the building's lifecycle. Green buildings:

- Use energy, water and other resources efficiently;
- Minimize waste, pollution and environmental degradation; and
- Protect occupant health and improve employee productivity.



The Sage, LEED for Homes, © Mike Dean Photography

Waste Prevention & Green Building



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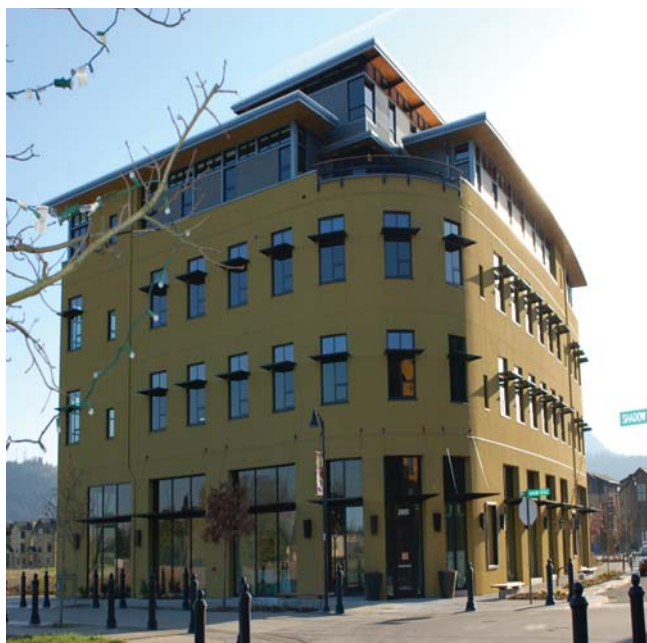
Priority plan review & inspections: Projects will have priority in first plan review and inspections if the applicant notifies green building staff well in advance of project submittal.

Reduced SDCs: Projects will have an opportunity for reduced local wastewater SDCs, if low flow plumbing fixtures are installed.

Free meetings: Staff time will be offered at no cost to participate in an applicant's integrated design process. The project team will also be eligible for a free 1.5-hour Limited Consultation meeting.

Technical Assistance: Green building staff will serve as project liaison and will provide permitting and technical assistance.

Recognition & publicity: The City will recognize and publicize participating projects and associated firms.



The Inkwell, LEED, Crescent Village, Mark Miksis

How to Qualify

To qualify for the City's Green Building Incentive Program, projects must be seeking certification from the LEED, Earth Advantage, Passive House, or Living Building Challenge green building certification programs. These established, third-party verified programs provide guidance on how to integrate green building elements into a project from design to construction to operation, and provide a formal "green" certification for a project.

Projects must be pre-qualified to participate in the program. Applicants should contact City green building staff as far in advance of project submittal as possible. Applicants are also encouraged to work with their local utility to learn about available incentives.

Resources

LEED: www.usgbc.org/LEED

Earth Advantage: www.earthadvantage.org

Passive House: www.passivehouse.us/

Living Building Challenge: <https://ilbi.org/lbc>

Eugene Water & Electric Board: www.eweb.org

Energy Trust of Oregon: www.energytrust.org

Cascadia Green Building Council: www.cascadiagbc.org

Northwest EcoBuilding Guild: www.ecobuilding.org

Oregon Depart. of Energy: www.oregon.gov/ENERGY

For More Information:

- Pick up a flyer at the Permit & Information Center (PIC) - 99 W. 10th Ave., Eugene, OR 97401;
- Visit the City's Green Building website: www.eugene-or.gov/greenbuilding;
- Contact Jenna Garmon at 541-682-5541 or jenna.r.garmon@ci.eugene.or.us.

Projects must be prequalified. Contact Jenna as soon as possible before submittal.

City of Eugene *Waste Prevention & Green Building Program*

Promoting sustainable practices in waste prevention and the built environment