

## **Green Charrette**

A Green Charrette is a workshop to integrate green strategies across all aspects of the building design, drawing on the expertise of all participants.

## **What is LEED?**

LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is a voluntary, consensus-based, market-driven program that provides third-party verification of green buildings. From individual buildings and homes, to entire neighborhoods and communities, LEED is transforming the way built environments are designed, constructed, and operated. Comprehensive and flexible, LEED addresses the entire lifecycle of a building.

Participation in the voluntary LEED process demonstrates leadership, innovation, environmental stewardship and social responsibility. LEED provides building owners and operators the tools they need to immediately impact their building's performance and bottom line, while providing healthy indoor spaces for a building's occupants.

LEED projects have been successfully established in 135 countries. International projects, those outside the United States, make up more than 50% of the total LEED registered square footage. LEED unites us in a single global community and provides regional solutions, while recognizing local realities.

## **Why LEED?**

LEED-certified buildings are designed to:

- Lower operating costs and increase asset value
- Reduce waste sent to landfills
- Conserve energy and water
- Be healthier and safer for occupants
- Reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions
- Qualify for tax rebates, zoning allowances and other incentives in hundreds of cities

## **Credit Library**

Building projects earn points for satisfying green building criteria. Within each of the environmental LEED credit categories, projects must satisfy particular prerequisites and earn additional points. The number of points the project earns determines the level of LEED certification the project receives. Projects must earn at least 40 points to achieve basic certification.