

Green Building Policy for City-owned Facilities

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Background

The Green Building Policy for City-owned Facilities was adopted by City Council in 2001, and updated in 2005 and 2009. It was one of the first local government green building policies in the nation and continues to demonstrate Portland's strong commitment to green building. Since adoption, the City has designed and/or built 11 LEED buildings, added over 60,000 square feet of ecoroofs, installed 600 kilowatts of photovoltaics and completed multiple green improvements to office spaces. The Portland Development Commission and Housing Bureau also maintain green building policies that require environmental performance for projects receiving funding.

City-owned LEED certified green buildings

Building	Bureau	Certification
Charles Jordan Community Center	PP&R	LEED NC Silver
East Portland Community Center	PP&R	LEED NC Platinum
Meter Shop	Water	LEED NC Gold
Interstate – Maintenance (registered)	Water	Tracking LEED Gold
Interstate – Shop, Stores and Warehouse (registered)	Water	Tracking LEED Gold
Portland Emergency Coordination Center	Water/PBEM/OMF	LEED NC Gold
Fire Station 18	Fire	LEED NC Gold
Fire Station 21 (registered)	Fire	Tracking LEED Gold
Providence Park	OMF	LEED EBOM Silver
The Portland Building	OMF	LEED EBOM Gold
Columbia Building	BES	LEED NC Gold

Update process

Beginning in January 2014, BPS convened a multi-bureau workgroup with participants nominated by directors. Staff representatives from BES, OMF Facilities, Procurement Services, BPS, Parks, Water, PBOT and PDC worked together to draft new language to reflect emerging best practices and changes in the green building industry. The revised policy also attempts to support implementation by being more practical, clear and applicable.

What's new and different in this update?

- New size and budget thresholds for green building certifications
- Bird-friendly design guidelines
- Salmon Safe certification requirement
- Ecoroof exemption for roofs less than 500 square feet
- Living Building Challenge and Earth Advantage options
- Parking requirements

Next steps

Bureaus will have the opportunity to review the "75% complete" policy draft and submit comments to BPS through October 2014. BPS will coordinate the multi-bureau workgroup to finalize the policy and bring it to City Council in early 2015.