Seattle LEED Projects 2000 - 2011

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Introduction

This report is an analysis of a portfolio of LEED Certified Buildings within the City of Seattle. The objective of this study is to evaluate the impacts of these innovative green buildings on the City's infrastructure and resources. The documentation provided to the USGBC for certification has been analyzed to produce a series of reports or profiles on anticipated savings in transportation, water, energy, carbon and waste for these projects.

The City of Seattle City Green Building Program is interested in tracking the projected savings for LEED credits that impact the City utilities and the City sustainability goals. The goals of the study are to:

- Understand the LEED credit performance of Seattle buildings
- Identify the most commonly implemented sustainable design strategies

Reports are generated based on a set of parameters (such as date of certification or building owner) and results are shown for the filtered group of buildings. The title of the report is shown on the upper left corner of each report sheet - this title is based on the filtering parameters entered.

This sheet is the Executive Summary, which shows a summary of the selected portfolio of buildings. Projects certified under three different LEED rating systems within Seattle City limits are included in this report: LEED for New Construction (v2.1 and v2.2), LEED Core & Shell (v2.0), and LEED for Commercial Interiors (v2.0). The individual report sheets are divided to show the analysis of LEED-NC and LEED-CS projects on the left side, and LEED-CI projects on the right hand side. This distinction is made because of the significant differences between these rating systems. At the bottom of each report sheet is a bold box that provides a Combined Environmental Summary, which calculates the total of relevant information from all three ratings systems.

LEED Portfolio Summary

Number of NC/CS Projects	77
Number of CI Projects	29
Total Number of Projects	102
Total Square Footage	10,286,930



LEED Ratings

Certified	20
Silver	31
Gold	47
Platinum	4

Portfolio Environmental Savings Summary

Categories	Savings	
Sustainable Sites		
Public Transportation Access	See Report	
Total Bicycle Parking Spaces Provided	2325	
Total Preferred Parking Spaces for Alternative Fuel Vehicles	264	
Total Preferred Parking Spaces for Carpools/Vanpools	272	
Total Annual Stormwater Runoff Reduction (gallons)	1,286,480	
Stormwater Management - Treatment	See Report	
Water Efficiency		
July Irrigation Water Savings (gallons)	1,140,590	
Annual Wastewater Savings (gallons)	1,599,180	
Annual Interior Potable Water Savings (gallons)	27,957,100	
Energy and Atmosphere		
Annual Energy Savings (kBtu)	169,222,000	
Annual Renewable Energy (kWh)	41,700	
Annual Green Power Purchased (kWh)	34,558,900	
(CO ₂) Emission Savings (lbs)	42,489,500	
Materials and Resources		
Total Construction Waste Diverted (tons)	175,700	
Total Value of Recycled Content Materials	\$131,490,900	



City of Seattle - LEED Projects Analysis



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LEED NC/CS CREDIT SUMMARY

Introduction The bar chart shown below shows the number of projects which achieved each credit in the LEED NC and CS rating systems for all projects in the current database. Darker bars in the chart represent credits that are further analyzed in the spreadsheet tool. Lighter gray bars represent credits that have no further analysis.



Analyzed Credits **Other Credits**





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LEED CI CREDIT SUMMARY

Introduction The bar chart shown below shows the number of projects which achieved each credit in the LEED CI rating system for all projects in the current database. Darker bars in the chart represent credits that are further analyzed in the spreadsheet tool. Lighter gray bars represent credits that have no further analysis.









City of Seattle - LEED Projects Analysis



Seattle LEED Projects 2000 - 2011 ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ACCESS

Introduction

Achievement of these credits reduces pollution and land development impacts from automobile use by locating projects close to public transportation. This analysis evaluates the percentage of projects achieving the credits and the modes of public transportation available.



Requirements

Locate project within 1/2 mile of an existing--or planned and funded--commuter rail, light rail or subway station, OR Locate project within 1/4 mile of one or more stops for two or more public or campus bus lines usable by building occupants.



LEED-CI SSc3.1

Number of Projects Achieving Credit	33
Total Number of Projects	29



Seattle LEED Projects 2000 - 2011 ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION: BICYCLE STORAGE & CHANGING ROOMS

Introduction

Achievement of these credits reduces pollution and land development impacts from automobile use by providing bicycle storage and changing rooms to promote bicycle commuting. This analysis evaluates the percentage of projects achieving the credits and the number of bicycle racks provided.

LEED Credits Analyzed LEED-NC SSc4.2

Requirements

Provide secure bicycle racks or storage for at least 5% of all building users, and showers for 0.5% of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) occupants. For residential buildings, provide covered storage facilities for securing bicycles for 15% or more of building occupants. * requirements vary slightly for NCv2.1, CI and CS rating systems

LEED-CS SSc4.2



Number of Projects Achieving Credit	63
Total Number of Projects	77

Total Bike Parking Spaces Added	1953
Average Number of Bike Parking	21
Spaces/Project	51
Average Bike Parking Spaces/FTE	6%
Total Number of Showers Added	209
Average Number of Showers/Project	3



COMBINED ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMARY	
Number of Projects Achieving Credit	85
Total Number of Projects	106
Total Bike Parking Spaces Added	2325
Average Number of Bike Racks/Project	22
Total Number of Showers Added	285
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LEED-CI SSc3.2

LEED-CI v2.0

Number of Projects Achieving Credit	22
Total Number of Projects	29
Total Bike Parking Spaces Added	372
Average Number of Bike Parking	17
Spaces/Project	17
Average Bike Parking Spaces/FTE	12%
Total Number of Showers Added	76
Average Number of Showers/Project	3



Seattle LEED Projects 2000 - 2011 ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION: ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES

Introduction

Achievement of these credits reduces pollution and land development impacts from automobile use by providing alternative fuel vehicles for use by building occupants or amenities for alternative fuel vehicles owned by occupants.

LEED-NC v2.1, LEED-NC v2.2, LEED-CS v2.0

LEED Credits Analyzed LEED-NC SSc4.3 LEED-CS SSc4.3

Requirments

Provide low-emitting and fuel-efficient vehicles for 3% of occupants and preferred parking for these vehicles, OR Provide low-emitting and fuel-efficient vehicles for 5% of the total vehicle parking capacity of the site, OR Install alternative-fuel refueling stations for 3% of the total vehicle parking capacity of the site



Number of Projects Achieving Credit	34	
Total Number of Projects	77	
Total Number of Parking Spaces *	3060	
Total Number of Preferred Parking	264	
Spaces for Alternative Fuel Vehicles *	204	
Average Number of AFV Parking	8	
Spaces/Project*	0	

* This value may not represent data from all projects (data was missing for several projects prior to 2005)



LEED-CI v2.0



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ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION: PARKING CAPACITY

Introduction

Achievement of these credits reduces pollution and land development impacts from automobile use by reducing the overall number of parking spaces provided and providing preferred carpool/vanpool parking spaces for a percentage of the parking spaces or occupants of the building. This analysis evaluates the percentage of projects achieving the credits, the strategies used and the total number of preferred parking stalls provided for carpools/vanpools.

LEED Credits Analyzed LEED-NC SSc4.4 LEED-CS SSc4.4

Requirements

LEED NC & CS: Provide no new parking, or provide parking that does not exceed code and provide preferred parking for carpools/vanpools. For residential projects, provide no new parking, or provide parking that does not exceed code and provide infrastructure and support programs to facilitate shared vehicle use.

LEED-CI: Parking spaces provided to tenant shall not exceed local zoning minimum and priority parking for carpools or vanpools will be provided for 5% or more of occupants.



Total Number of Parking Spaces	3359
Total Number of Preferred Parking Spaces for Carpools/Vanpools	272

LEED-CI SSc3.3

Number of Projects Achieving Credit	21
Total Number of Projects	29

Total Number of Parking Spaces *	299
Total Number of Preferred Parking	100
Spaces for Carpools/Vanpools *	100

* This value does not represent data from all projects (data was missing for several projects prior to 2005)



Seattle LEED Projects 2000 - 2011 STORMWATER DESIGN: QUANTITY CONTROL

Introduction

Achievement of these credits limits disruption of natural hydrology by reducing impervious cover, increasing on-site infiltration and managing stormwater runoff. This analysis evaluates the percentage of projects achieving the credits, categorizes the strategies implemented, and estimates the total stormwater runoff quantity reduction (in gallons per year).

LEED-NC v2.1, LEED-NC v2.2, LEED-CS v2.0

KEY FINDINGS



Number of Projects Achieving Credit	15
Total Number of Projects	77

Total Annual Stormwater Reduction (gallons) *	1,286,489
Average % Reduction in Stormwater Runoff *	36%

* Annual stormwater reduction not reported for all projects; projects who implement a stormwater management plan do not provide quantified information



LEED Credits Analyzed LEED-NC SSc6.1 LEED-CS SSc6.1

Requirements

Compliance paths vary depending on percentage of existing imperviousness. Projects must achieve reduced stormwater runoff or stream channel protection strategy that protects receiving stream channels from excessive erosion. Projects provide calculations or a stormwater management plan to demonstrate compliance.

LEED-CI v2.0



Seattle LEED Projects 2000 - 2011 STORMWATER DESIGN: QUALITY CONTROL

Introduction

Achievement of these credits reduces water pollution by reducing impervious cover, increasing on-site infiltration and removing contaminants. This analysis evaluates the percentage of projects achieving the credits and categorizes the strategies implemented.

LEED-NC v2.1, LEED-NC v2.2, LEED-CS v2.0



KEY FINDINGS	
Number of Projects Achieving Credit	13
Total Number of Projects	77

LEED Credits Analyzed LEED-NC SSc6.2 LEED-CS SSc6.2

Requirements

These credits require the implementation of a stormwater management plan that treats stormwater runoff and reduces postdevelopment total suspended solids (TSS) in stormwater runoff. Projects achieving this credit in LEED NC 2.0 and 2.1 also require the reduction of total phosphorous (TP) in runoff.

LEED-CI v2.0





Seattle LEED Projects 2000 - 2011 WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPING: REDUCED OR NO POTABLE WATER USE

Introduction

Achievement of these credits limits or eliminates the use of potable water for landscape irrigation through the use of efficient irrigation systems, native plantings, and xeriscaping. This analysis evaluates the percentage of projects achieving the credits, estimates the average percentage reduction in irrigation water by LEED rated projects and the total irrigation water savings for the month of July (in gallons). The analysis also categorizes the strategies implemented.

LEED-NC v2.1, LEED-NC v2.2, LEED-CS v2.0



KEY FINDINGS

Number of Projects Achieving Credit	63	
Total Number of Projects	77	
Average % Reduction in Irrigation Water	750/	
Use	/5%	
Total July Irrigation Water Savings	1 140 500	
(gallons)*	1,140,599	
Estimate of Annual Irrigation Water	1 650 695	
Savings (gallons)**	4,039,083	

* Does not include projects with no irrigation systems, as estimated savings are not reported. See Key Strategies Implemented for number of projects with no irrigation system.

** This esimate is based on calculation provided by Seattle Public Utilities, which uses a peaking factor of 2.97.



LEED Credits Analyzed

LEED-NC WEc1

Recommendations

Reduce potable water consumption for irrigation by 50% from a calculated mid-summer baseline case, OR Use captured rainwater, recycled wastewater, recycled graywater, or water treated and conveyed by a public agency specifically for nonpotable uses for irrigation, OR

Install landscaping that does not require permanent irrigation systems.

LEED-CI v2.0

This credit is not available to LEED-CI projects.

LEED-CS WEc1



Seattle LEED Projects 2000 - 2011 INNOVATIVE WASTEWATER TECHNOLOGIES

Introduction

87%

Achievement of this credit results in a reduction in the generation of waste water and potable water demand by reducing the quantity of potable water required for toilets and urinals. This analysis evaluates the percentage of projects achieving the credit and estimates the total waste water savings (in gallons per year).

LEED-NC v2.1, LEED-NC v2.2, LEED-CS v2.0

KEY FINDINGS WEc2 Innovative Wastewater Technologies

Credit Achieved

Credit Not

Achieved

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Number of Projects Achieving Credit	10
Total Number of Projects	77
Average Baseline -	Λ
Wastewater/Capita/Day (gallons)	4
Average LEED Projects -	1.06
Wastewater/Capita/Day (gallons)	1.90
Total Annual Wastewater Savings by	1 599 100
Projects Achieving Credit (gallons)	1,555,100

*Baseline water use calculations in LEED are based on the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPACT)



LEED Credits Analyzed LEED-NC WEc2 LEED-CS WEc2

Requirements

Reduce potable water use for building sewage conveyance by 50% through the use of water-conserving fixtures (water closets, urinals) or non-potable water (captured rainwater, recycled graywater, and on-site or municipally treated wastewater), OR Treat wastewater on-site to tertiary standards. Treated water must be infiltrated or used on-site.

LEED-CI v2.0



Seattle LEED Projects 2000 - 2011 WATER USE REDUCTION: WATER EFFICIENT INDOOR PLUMBING FIXTURES

Introduction

Achievement of credits maximizes water efficiency within buildings to reduce the burden on municipal water supply and wastewater systems by demonstrating water savings over a baseline building that meets the Energy Policy Act fixture performance requirements. The analysis evaluates the percentage of projects achieving the credits and estimates the total water savings (in gallons per year), average percentage of water savings by LEED rated projects, and also categorizes the strategies implemented and estimates water saved by each strategy (in gallons per year).

LEED-NC v2.1, LEED-NC v2.2, LEED-CS v2.0

KEY FINDINGS



Number of Projects Achieving Credit	64	
Total Number of Projects	77	
Average Baseline - Water	16.67	
Use/Capita/Day (gallons)		
Average LEED Projects - Water	10.77	
Use/Capita/Day (gallons)		
Average Annual Water Savings Achieved	37%	
by LEED Projects		
Total Annual Water Savings by Projects	27 057 100	
Achieving Credit (gallons)	27,937,100	

LEED Credits Analyzed LEED-NC WEc3 LEED-CS WEc3

Requirements

Employ strategies that in aggregate use at least 20% less water than the water use baseline calculated for the building (not including irrigation; applies only to tenant space for LEED CI) after meeting the Energy Policy Act of 1992 fixture performance requirements. Calculations are based on estimated occupant usage and shall include only the following fixtures: water closets, urinals, lavatory faucets, showers and kitchen sinks.







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LEED-CI WEc1

Number of Projects Achieving Credit	24	
Total Number of Projects	29	
Average Baseline - Water	2 55	
Use/Capita/Day	2.55	
Average LEED Projects - Water	1.64	
Use/Capita/Day	1.04	
Average Annual Water Savings Achieved	30%	
by LEED Projects	5070	
Total Annual Water Savings by Projects	1 526 700	
Achieving Credit (gallons)	1,520,700	





COMBINED ENVIRONMENTAL	SUMMARY
Number of Projects Achieving Credit	88
Total Number of Projects	106
Average Annual Water Savings Achieved by Projects Achieving Credit	35%
Total Annual Water Savings by Projects Achieving	29,483,900

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Seattle LEED Projects 2000 - 2011 OPTIMIZE ENERGY PERFORMANCE

Introduction

Achievement of these credits reduces environmental impacts associated with excessive energy use. For LEED NC and CS projects, EAc1 may be achieved by demonstrating increasing levels of performance above an ASHRAE 90.1 baseline through a whole building energy simulation. Although Seattle Energy Code is periodically updated to reflect the current version of ASHRAE 90.1, studies have shown that SEC has some differences in requirements, and thus a comparison to SEC may show slightly higher/lower savings. For LEED CI projects, projects are evaluated for savings on different energy efficiency strategies.

LEED Credits Analyzed LEED-NC EAc1 LEED-CS EAc1

Requirements

LEED NC & CS: Demonstrate increasing levels of performance above an ASHRAE 90.1 baseline through a whole building energy simulation or by following prescriptive measures in the ASHRAE Advanced Energy Design Guide for Small Office Buildings or the Core Performance Guide. The analysis evaluates the percentage of projects achieving the credits, estimates total annual electricity savings (in kWh) and gas savings (in therms), and reports the electricity and gas savings by end use.

LEED CI: Four credits are available to demonstrate energy savings. The analysis for each LEED CI credit evaluates the percentage of projects achieving the credit and categorizes the compliance paths taken and strategies implemented. Projects can earn points by demonstrating that they have reduced lighting power density, installed lighting controls and efficient HVAC systems or specified ENERGY STAR equipment and appliances.



EAc1 Optimize Energy Performance 14% New / 7% Existing 21% New / 14% Existing 28% New / 21% Existing 35% New / 28% Existing 42% New / 35% Existing Credit Not Achieved

LEED-NC v2.1, LEED-NC v2.2, LEED-CS v2.0

KEY FINDINGS

Number of Projects Achieving Credit Total Number of Projects Total Annual Energy 49,596,100 kWh Savings Total Annual 24,521,500 kWh Electricity Savings¹ Total Annual Gas 855,700 therms Savings Total Process Loads 19,981,100 kWh Annual Electricity Savings Energy Use Intensity (EUI) (kBtu/SF/Yr) Annual Gas Savings Energy Use Intensity (EUI) (kBtu/SF/Yr) Total Annual Savings EUI (kBtu/SF/Yr)



LEED-CI EAc1.1-1.4

LIGHTING POWER KEY FINDINGS

mber of Projects Achieving Credit	21
al Number of Projects	29
al Lighting Power Density Savings	136,000

LIGHTING CONTROLS KEY FINDINGS

mber of Projects Achieving Credit	22
al Number of Projects	29

HVAC KEY FINDINGS

mber of Projects Achieving Credit	16
al Number of Projects	29











¹ Total Energy Savings may include savings not accounted for in the enduse values

² Regulated Loads are defined by ASHRAE

* LEED Design + Savings = Baseline Energy Use

ENERGY STAR EQUIPMENT KEY FINDINGS

Number of Projects Achieving Credit	19
Total Number of Projects	29



Seattle LEED Projects 2000 - 2011 RENEWABLE ENERGY

Introduction

Achievement of these credits reduces environmental impacts associated with fossil fuel energy use by supplying the building's energy use through on-site renewable energy systems. This analysis evaluates the percentage of projects achieving the credits, categorizes the strategies implemented and estimates the total renewable energy generated by projects that achieved this credit.

LEED-NC v2.1, LEED-NC v2.2, LEED-CS v2.0

KEY FINDINGS

EAc2 Renewable Energy 2.5% 2% Renewable 5% Energy 7.5% Renewable Energy 12.5% Renewable Energy 92% Credit Not Achieved

Number of Projects Achieving Credit	6
Total Number of Projects	77
Total Annual Renewable Energy (kWh)*	41,745
Average Annual % Total Building Energy Use *	183%

* This value does not represent data from all projects (data was missing for several projects prior to 2005)



LEED Credits Analyzed

LEED-NC EAc2 LEED-CS EAc2

Requirements

Use on-site renewable energy systems to offset building energy cost. Calculate project performance by expressing the energy produced by the renewable systems as a percentage of the building annual energy cost.

LEED-CI v2.0



Seattle LEED Projects 2000 - 2011 GREEN POWER

Introduction

Achievement of these credits promotes the development and use of grid-source, renewable energy technologies by requiring that a significant percentage of the building's electricity be sourced from a renewable energy source. This analysis estimates the total green power purchased (in kWh) by projects.

LEED Credits Analyzed LEED-

LEED-NC EAc6

LEED-CS EAc6 L

Requirements

Provide at least 35% (50% for NCv2.1) of the building's electricity from renewable sources by engaging in at least a two-year renewable energy contract. Renewable sources are as defined by the Center for Resource Solutions (CRS) Green-e products certification requirements. To determine the energy electricity, use the annual electricity consumption from the results of EA Credit 1, or the DOE CBECS database to determine the estimated electricity use.



LEED-CI EAc4

mber of Projects Achieving Credit	23
al Number of Projects	29
al Annual Green Power Purchased /h)	2,833,800



Seattle LEED Projects 2000 - 2011 CARBON

Introduction

Information reported on this sheet reflects data provided for Energy & Atmosphere Credit 1. Converting electricity and gas use into CO_2 impacts illustrates their different contributions to atmospheric conditions. This report also shows the CO_2 emissions by end use, as reported for EAc1.

	LEED-NC v2.	1, LEED-NC v2.2, LEE	D-CS v2.0	
Total LEED Desig	n Electricity Use (kWh)	75,476,800	1	
Total LEED Desig	n Gas Use (Therms)	1,003,500	1	
			Emissions	Savings
	Total LEED Design CO ₂ from Electricit	y (lbs)	99,810,600	32,427,300
	Total LEED Design CO ₂ from Gas (lbs)		11,735,500	10,007,000
	Total CO ₂ Savings from Renewables			55,204
	Total CO ₂		111,546,100	42,489,504

 Total CO2 Emissions
 Total CO2 Savings

 11%
 Electricity

 6 Gas



Total CO₂ Savings from Interior Lighting (lbs)



Savings
0





Conversion Assumptions

City of Seattle CO ₂ Impact Values: Electric Use 0.6 Metric Tons/MWH 11.7 lbs/Therm Gas Use

General Conversions: 1 MWH = 1000 kWh 1 Metric Ton = 2204 lbs LEED-CI v2.0



Seattle LEED Projects 2000 - 2011 CONSTRUCTION WASTE MANAGEMENT: DIVERT FROM DISPOSAL

Introduction

Achievement of these credits diverts construction and demolition debris from disposal in landfills and incinerators, and promotes recycling and/or salvaging of non-hazardous construction and demolition waste. This analysis categorizes the waste stream, and estimates the amount of each stream of waste diverted (in tons) and total waste diverted (in tons) by LEED rated projects. The analysis also estimates the average construction waste diverted (in lbs/SF) and the average percentage of construction waste diverted.

LEED-NC v2.1, LEED-NC v2.2, LEED-CS v2.0

KEY FINDINGS



74
77
90%
56.2
50.6
174 000

LEED Credits Analyzed LEED-NC MRc2 LEED-CS MRc2

Requirements

Recycle and/or salvage non-hazardous construction and demolition debris. Materials diverted from disposal can be sorted on site or commingled. Excavated soil and land-clearing debris do not contribute to this credit.







LEED-CI MRc2

Number of Projects Achieving Credit	24
Total Number of Projects	29

Average % Rate of Construction Waste Diverted	80%
Average Construction Waste Generated (Ibs/SF)	101.2
Average Construction Waste Diverted (Ibs/SF)	7.7
Total Construction Waste Diverted (tons)	1768.1





Number of Projects Achieving Credit	98
Total Number of Projects	106



Seattle LEED Projects 2000 - 2011 RECYCLED CONTENT

Introduction

Achievement of these credits reduces impacts from extraction and processing of virgin materials by using building products that incorporate recycled content materials. This analysis categorizes the materials that incorporate recycled content and estimates the total recycled content value of each category, and estimates the total recycled content cost and the average value of recycled content as a percentage of total material cost for projects.

LEED-NC v2.1, LEED-NC v2.2, LEED-CS v2.0 KEY FINDINGS



Number of Projects Achieving Credit	72
Total Number of Projects	77
Average % Recycled Content Materials	21%
by Cost	
Total Value of Recycled Content	\$129.081.800
Materials	+,501,000







Requirements

Use materials with recycled content such that the sum of post-consumer recycled content plus one-half of the pre-consumer recycled content constitutes at least 10% (based on cost) of the total value of the materials in the project.

LEED-CI MRc4

LEED-CI v2.0

Number of Projects Achieving Credit	22
Total Number of Projects	29
Average % Recycled Content Materials	20%
by Cost	2070
Total Value of Recycled Content	\$2,409,100
Materials	γ <i>2</i> , 4 03,100





Number of Projects Achieving Credit	94
Total Number of Projects	106

