

Recommendation Regarding LEED for Concord

The Green Team recommends that the Town reduce the life-cycle operating costs and increase the environmental efficiency of Town buildings, by adopting the goal that all construction of new Town buildings and major renovations and additions to existing Town buildings meet or exceed a Silver Certification based on the most current criteria of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System promulgated by the United States Green Building Council, or comparable scoring system. In addition to requiring US Green Building Council LEED Silver Certification all new Town buildings should demonstrate that they exceed by 20% the current Massachusetts Energy Code as well as incorporate third party commissioning.

The Town shall include a minimum of LEED Silver Certification and enhanced energy performance over the current state Energy Code, or equivalent level in comparable building scoring system, as a required element in requests for proposal or bids it issues soliciting architectural design services for construction, major renovation, and additions to its buildings, unless the Board of Selectmen makes the finding that such certification is not in keeping with the use or purpose of the building or is otherwise inappropriate.

The projects meeting LEED or this other criteria shall be certified by the LEED or equivalent organization as meeting their criteria. Otherwise, the measures will tend to erode over the course of the project as logistical conflicts arise, contractors complain, suppliers have delays in delivering products, etc.

No building project shall be deemed complete until LEED Silver Certification or greater with enhanced building performance criteria, or its equivalent, has been confirmed, unless the Board of Selectmen makes the finding that such certification is not in keeping with the use or purpose of the building or is otherwise inappropriate.