

Municipal/City/County LEED Initiatives

Ashville, NC

All new, occupied, city-owned buildings greater or equal to 5,000sf need to achieve LEED Gold, and to strive for Platinum. The policy is qualified with an energy savings payback requirement on the incremental cost of no greater than ten years.

Athens, GA

Georgia adopted a resolution to seek LEED certification on all new buildings. Athens-Clarke County will register all projects with LEED. Certification efforts focused on buildings greater or equal to 5,000sf.

Atlanta, GA

All buildings over 5,000sf (or costing \$2 million) are to meet LEED Silver. Smaller projects are required to complete a LEED checklist to assess any sustainable design techniques.

Chapel Hill, NC

All town new construction and addition greater or equal to 5,000sf must meet LEED Silver certification.

Chatham County, GA

- Ordinance of the county code that gives full property state and county tax abatement for commercial buildings achieving LEED Gold certification for the first five years, then tapering off 20% each year until the tenth year.

Cincinnati, OH

All municipal buildings to be LEED certified.

- Established a Community Reinvestment Area and added an automatic 100% property tax exemption for developments that meet a minimum of LEED Certified for new construction or rehabilitated commercial or residential buildings. Maximum abatement per dwelling unit is \$500,000 over 15 years for new construction and 10 years for remodel. No maximum for LEED Platinum.

Fayetteville, AR

All new city-owned facilities greater or equal to 5,000sf are to achieve a minimum of LEED Silver certification.

- New constructions projects are required to submit a LEED checklist with application for permit, stressing an emphasis on energy and water efficiency.

Gainesville, FL

Government County buildings to be LEED certified.

- Fast track building permit incentive and a 50% reduction cost of building permit fees for private contractors who use LEED.

Nashville, TN

Public building projects greater or equal to 5,000sf (or costing \$2M or more) to be LEED Silver certified. All city-funded projects are required to complete a LEED checklist, and are encouraged to maximize use of sustainable design principles.

- Development in the Central Business District is eligible to increase the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) cap from 15 to 17 in the project achieves LEED Silver, and FAR 19 if the project achieves LEED Gold. In the SoBro neighborhoods, LEED Silver projects are allowed to increase the FAR cap from 5 to 7.
- Nashville Planning Commission encourages all new development in Downtown to be LEED Certified.

Sarasota County, FL

All government county buildings to be LEED certified.

- Fast track building permit incentive and a 50% reduction cost of building permit fees for private contractors who use LEED.