



NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Project Awards

[USGBC National Capital Region](#) (USGBC-NCR) is working to make healthy, sustainable buildings a reality for the people of the greater Washington, DC, metropolitan area within a generation. We serve the District of Columbia, Montgomery and Prince George's counties in Maryland and northern Virginia, including the following counties: Frederick, Loudon, Shenandoah, Prince William, Stafford, Fairfax, and Arlington.

The USGBC-NCR Project Awards will recognize built projects located in the USGBC-NCR territory, which:

- For Neighborhood Development projects, planned projects must have been submitted for municipal review or approval between June 1, 2016, and May 31, 2017.
- For New Construction, Interiors, Homes, Existing Building, and Health and Wellness projects, have been awarded certification between June 1, 2016, and May 31, 2017.
- Responsible Design projects will have completed construction between June 1, 2016, and May 31, 2017.

Submissions are due Tuesday, June 6, 2017 by 5:00 pm EST.

AWARD CATEGORIES

The 2017 USGBC-NCR Project Awards will include the following 7 categories for awards submissions:

Innovative Project of the Year - New Construction

Applies to projects certified under the USGBC's LEED for Building Design and Construction rating system, including New Construction, Core & Shell, Schools, Retail, Hospitality, Data Centers, Warehouses & Distribution Centers, Multifamily High-rise, Mixed Use, and Healthcare.

Innovative Project of the Year - Interior

Applies to projects certified under the USGBC's LEED for Interior Design and Construction rating system, including Commercial Interiors, Retail and Hospitality.

Innovative Project of the Year – Residential

Applies to projects certified under the USGBC’s LEED for Homes rating system, including single family homes, low-rise multi-family (one to three stories), or mid-rise multi-family (four to six stories); includes Homes and Multifamily Low-rise and Multifamily Mid-rise.

Innovative Project of the Year - Existing Building Performance

Applies to projects certified under the USGBC’s LEED for Existing Building Operations and Maintenance rating system, including Existing Buildings, Schools, Retail, Hospitality, Data Centers, and Warehouses & Distribution Centers.

Innovative Project of the Year - Neighborhood Development

Applies to projects certified under the USGBC’s LEED for Neighborhood Development rating system, including new land development projects or redevelopment projects containing residential uses, nonresidential uses, or a mix. Projects can be at any stage of the development process, from conceptual planning to construction; includes Planned and Built Projects.

Innovative Project of the Year - Health and Wellness in the Built Environment

The built environment has profound effects on human health and the world around us. Human capital costs typically account for 90% of business operating costs and most people spend 90% of their time indoors; so the built environment has the potential to deeply impact our greatest asset—people. The quality of indoor space design—including temperature, humidity, noise, light, space, and air quality—affects health and productivity, and can have significant financial implications for employers. Additionally, access to active commuting opportunities, areas for biophilic interaction, and inclusion of diverse mixed use development near transit can greatly strengthen public health and community cohesiveness.

Applies to projects which are WELL Certified, or have demonstrated advanced commitment to health and wellness in the built environment without attaining a certification.

Green Building of the Year - Responsible Design

Not all notable sustainable activities in the USGBC-NCR region achieve LEED certification. Projects eligible in this category are built projects which either do not have a third party certification, or are certified under any of the following other GBCI third party green building rating systems: SITES (Sustainable Sites Initiative), or Parksmart.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Application deadlines and fees:

Applications are due Tuesday, June 6, by 5:00 pm EST.

The application fee is \$125 per project nominated. Payment must be received by the June 6 deadline in order for the application to move forward for judging. To pay this fee, visit [this website](#) and use the password *GreenWin17* to access the page.

Submissions should include the following:

Project Team

Submissions should list all project teams which made a measurable contribution to the project's sustainable success. Project team members listed in the award will be noted in the presentation of the award, and listed in press releases related to the award.

LEED or WELL Scorecard (does not apply to Responsible Design Projects that do not claim any certifications)

Project teams must supply an official, final LEED or WELL Scorecard or report which lists all credits awarded and the final certification point total and award level. This scorecard must be a scorecard generated by or received from GBCI (scorecards generated by the project team will not be accepted).

Project Data

Provide the following basic project data:

- Total Building Area (Gross Square Feet)
- Total Project Area (Gross Square Feet)
- Total number of full time on site employees/tenants/resident occupants
- Estimated number of daily average visitors
- Year of original construction and/or substantial renovation
- Name of the applicant (applicant must be an individual USGBC-NCR chapter member)

Note: To be eligible for this category, the project area must encompass a minimum of 3,000 SF and 3 Full Time Equivalent Occupants, and comply with all applicable environmental laws.

Project Images

At least 5 images should be included in the submission which provide an understanding of the implementation of the features noted in the project submission.

Submission Format

Projects should be submitted as PDFs, no more than (6) pages in length. Scorecards and images do not count toward page length restriction.

A link to the application can be found at the end of this document. A PDF preview of the application is available on [this page](#) (select "Community Leader Awards" on the menu bar). Please read through this document in its entirety before completing the application.

JUDGING CRITERIA

The following judging criteria will be applied to all building awards category projects:

LEED Certification Level (does not apply to Responsible Design Projects)

Points will be provided for LEED certification for each project, with higher point values awarded for higher certification levels, and higher points also awarded for more recent certification systems (v3 vs v4, for example).

Innovation Beyond LEED

Consideration will also be given to efforts made by the project team which go beyond LEED or other rating systems, producing new and innovative approaches in their award category.

Degree of Difficulty

What challenges were overcome by the project team? Project teams which can demonstrate how they overcame significant obstacles to certification will have this taken into account in the awards process.

Integrative Process

Integrative process is an important part of award-winning sustainable design. Project teams should demonstrate how they identified and used opportunities to achieve synergies across disciplines and between construction professionals and end user groups, and how those synergies and analyses informed the design of the project.

Design Flexibility and Life Cycle Impact Reduction

Project teams should describe how their project has planned to accommodate future changes in development planning, building use, organizational change, and structure which will minimize a future impact on the environment.

Community Engagement

From the greater municipality to the microcosm of a tenant environment, all project categories will have some impact on the community into which they are integrated. Project teams should describe how their project has engaged the participation of, and been designed to positively impact, their respective communities.

This description will vary by project scale—for example, an EBOM project might describe how they are engaging their tenant community to achieve their current and future goals, an ND project might describe how they have engaged with the local municipalities and adjoining neighborhoods, and an ID+C project might describe how they solicited and integrated an organization's staff or cultural goals in the process of generating their final design.

Health and Wellness Integration

Green and sustainable built environments strive to be supportive of their occupants, and should have a positive impact on their occupants. Project teams should describe how their design and/or operations strategies will enhance the health and wellbeing of those they are designed to serve.

Overall Project Presentation

Both form and function count! Submissions should clearly address all judging criteria, be clearly organized, visually compelling, engaging, and easy to read.

Judges' note: Awards may not be given in all categories if there are not submissions which meet, in the judging panel's opinion, the standard of excellence and innovation that the Leadership Awards are intended to recognize.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

A third-party selection committee will conduct judging and the winners will be announced at USGBC National Capital Region's signature event, [A Midsummer Night's Green](#), on July 20, 2017 at Arena Stage in Washington, D.C.

APPLY

To apply for a Project Leader Award, please complete [this form](#) before the deadline of Tuesday, June 6, at 5:00 pm EST. If you are submitting multiple projects, you must submit a separate application form for each. Only fully completed forms will be considered. A PDF preview of the application is available on [this page](#) (select "Community Leader Awards" on the menu bar). Please note, the PDF version is for preview only. You must complete the online form for your submission to be received.

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Please address questions to info@usgbcncr.org.