

LUTHER COLLEGE

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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I. Policy

Luther College is committed to environmental sustainability and will construct all new projects to LEED silver standards. Luther College will also use a LEED checklist during remodeling and repurposing projects, striving to incorporate as many LEED points as possible.

II. Purpose

Environmental sustainability is more than designing “green buildings” or maintaining natural reserves. At its best, it reflects an institutional commitment to minimize the use and waste of nonrenewable natural resources, thereby recognizing the economic as well as ecological benefit of this commitment without compromising institutional mission and goals.

One result of being a signatory to the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) is that in January 2007, Luther College committed to building all new projects to LEED silver standards.

III. Scope

To the best of their ability, all Luther employees and or contractors hired by Luther will adhere to LEED silver standards with regard to any new building project. Architects, engineers, contractors and designers must follow LEED guidelines and provide documentation of points for all new projects. A LEED checklist will guide decisions for meeting LEED standards.

IV. Procedures and Guidelines

All projects are to adhere to the following practices:

Construction Waste

All non-hazardous waste materials will be reused, repurposed, or recycled. Disposal of waste materials in a landfill will occur only if all other avenues have been exhausted. Hazardous materials will be disposed of according to EPA regulations.

Energy Efficiency

Lighting, heating, and plumbing fixtures will be chosen according to efficiency ratings. Any appliances will be purchased according to the College’s Energy Star Policy.

Material Selection

When possible and practical, materials purchased will be environmentally safe and/or repurposed from other projects.

Indoor Air Quality

All projects will be done to ensure and/or improve the indoor air quality.

Educational Component

When possible, signage should be installed to educate building occupants about the sustainability practices being used in the building.

Behavioral Element

Buildings will be designed to encourage sustainable behavior. For example, slower elevators result in more people taking the stairs just as small trashcans coupled with sizable recycling bins encourage responsible waste disposal.

New Construction

The LEED-NC checklist will be used for all new construction projects.

LEED Checklists

A LEED checklist will be completed for all major remodels, redesigns and renovations.

V. Confidentiality and Records

Records on new constructions and remodels will be kept at the Facilities Office and are open to any Luther student or employee upon request.