

## COLORADO

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### STATE INITIATIVES

On July 15, 2005, Governor Owens signed Executive Order # D005 05 adopting LEED for Existing Buildings and incorporating LEED for New Construction practices for all state buildings. The order also creates a Colorado Greening Government Coordinating Council to develop and implement conservation policies.

Executive Order: <http://www.colorado.gov/governor/eos/d00505.pdf>

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### Greening of State Government Buildings

On May 8, 2006 - Senate Joint Resolution passed 06-032 concerning the greening of state government buildings. The resolution supports use of LEED as design and construction guideline for all private and public facilities, promotes LEED Silver-level certification where cost effective over a twenty-year period, and supports the Executive Order # D005 05.

### MUNICIPAL/CITY/COUNTY INITIATIVES

**Boulder, CO:** In 2001, the City Council adopted a policy that all new or significantly renovated city facilities are built to a LEED Silver level.

The city has also developed the Green Points Building Program for homeowners to encourage sustainable and cost-effective residential building methods.

[http://www.bouldercolorado.gov/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=208&Itemid=489](http://www.bouldercolorado.gov/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=208&Itemid=489)

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**Denver, CO:** In his State of the City 2006 address, Mayor John W. Hickenlooper announced a new action plan to strengthen Denver's environmental and economic legacy and declared that the city will be requiring all new public buildings and major municipal renovations to be LEED Silver certified and to meet EPA Energy Star guidelines.

<http://www.denvergov.org/Mayor/1688speech.asp>

**Fort Collins, CO:** On September 5, 2006, the city council passed Resolution 2006-096 establishing a goal that all new city-owned buildings over 5000 square feet achieve LEED Gold certification unless it is not technically or economically feasible to do so. If the incremental cost of achieving LEED Gold relative to LEED Silver has a payback period of greater than ten years for a particular building, then the City would opt to seek the LEED silver certification for that building.

Resolution:

<http://citydocs.fcgov.com/?cmd=convert&vid=4&docid=987634&PHPSESSID=830thpni0ujoeshi4iqvmpoiv3>

**Longmont, CO:** In November 2006, the Master Board of Appeals approved a mandatory residential green building program based on the City of Boulder's Green Points Building Program for homeowners to encourage sustainable and cost-effective residential building methods. City Council will next be asked to vote this into law.

<http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/bldginsp/meetings/index.htm#master>

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**Durango, CO:** In February 2004, the City Council unanimously approved resolution R-2004-6 affirming the city's commitment to green building principles. It provided a broad policy framework that sets the tone for environmental conservation and environmental quality on all City projects and construction..

[http://www.durangogov.org/resident/government/show\\_minutes.cfm?id=78](http://www.durangogov.org/resident/government/show_minutes.cfm?id=78)