



USGBC Colorado

A Case for Action

*How do We Protect Colorado's
Environmental Legacy?*

*USGBC Colorado is a 501(c)3
nonprofit organization dedicated
to Building High-Performing and
Healthier Buildings for Future
Generations*





Since 2002, USGBC Colorado has grown from a small group of dedicated and passionate volunteers interested in growing the green building community in Colorado to an organization made up of over 1,000 individuals intent on transforming the built environment in Colorado.

Our mission is to advance and promote sustainable planning, design, construction, and operation of the built environment through education, improving industry guidelines, green building advocacy, and information and resource sharing.

Advocacy Day at the Capital
Advocates met with their legislators to discuss green building legislation, including House Bill 1204

We achieve our mission through the efforts of over 300 active volunteers, backed by financial support from individuals, and over 200 companies and small businesses.

With your help and the contribution from individuals, corporate sponsors and small business plus our 300+ active volunteers we are able to embrace our values and achieve our mission.

By standing with USGBC Colorado as a Chapter Member, a volunteer, and a donor, you join a powerful community that is transforming our environment, our culture, and our economy in Colorado.

The U.S. Green Building Council Colorado Chapter (USGBC Colorado) is part of an 80-chapter network of charitable nonprofits dedicated to the vision that buildings and communities will regenerate and sustain the vitality of all life within this generation.

USGBC Colorado Chapter Committees:

- Advocacy
- Communications
- Contractors and Subcontractors
- Education
- Emerging Professionals
- Higher Education
- Membership
- Neighborhood Development
- Operations and Maintenance
- Commercial Real Estate
- Green Schools
- Residential

“Our progression from member to sponsor within the Colorado Chapter has benefited our organization. The experience our business has received and the relationships we have built continue to flourish. I would advocate to any individual or business thinking of joining or sponsoring the Colorado Chapter. The knowledge gained and sustained through your involvement will pay back your organization ten-fold.”

-Leo Atencio, Lafarge North America

Join our Partners

Gold \$10,000

MoyeWhite

Silver \$5000

Encore Electric

Group14
Engineering

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Mortenson

RK Mechanical

RMH

Weidt Group

Xcel Energy

Sustaining \$2500

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Farnsworth Group

Hensel Phelps
Construction

JE Dunn

LaFarge

Saunders
Construction

Teknion

TMCx Solutions

Buildings in the U.S. account for...

72% of electricity consumption

39% of CO₂ emissions

36% of potable water consumption

YOUR SUPPORT HELPS PROVIDE...

Green Education for All: We provide cutting-edge, informative educational opportunities, resources, and materials for green buildings, healthy environments, and sustainable communities.

Green Schools for all Colorado Within this Generation: Our green schools initiative helps transform schools, ensuring a safe, healthy, and sustainable environment for all.

Community Engagement & Advocacy: We advocate for high performing, healthy, affordable, and sustainable built environments at the state and local level. We alter how people perceive green buildings, transforming the marketplace.

Raising the Bar for Green Buildings: We address critical issues and industry sectors advancing green building in Colorado.

We are making a difference

Colorado ranks in the top 10 states nationally for the number of LEED Certified projects. To date, Colorado has over 330 LEED certified commercial and institutional buildings and offices, 120 LEED certified homes, and 3 neighborhoods certified in the LEED Neighborhood Development 1.0 Pilot, with hundreds more on the way.



USGBC Colorado green building advocates meet with Senator Udall in Washington, DC.

2010-2011 Achievements

Built the green building community in Colorado from fifty passionate individuals in 2002 to 900 and growing in 2011, all contributing to Colorado's leadership in high performance building.

Over 10,000 volunteer hours of professional services and support were contributed by USGBC Colorado members in 2010, worth over \$500,000 in pro bono services.

Nearly 1,000 people participated in educational programs through almost 100 seminars, workshops, local branch programs, and green building tours providing access to professionals who are key to helping you build green.

Serving as a USGBC Education Provider for LEED Accredited Professionals who need to maintain their LEED credentials, ensuring that Coloradoans have access to green building professionals with cutting edge knowledge and skills.

Provided LEED education programming support as a Chapter Delivery Partner to 10 USGBC Chapters throughout the Southwest and Midwest.

Developed and Delivered an Exam Preparation Course for individuals pursuing LEED Professional Credentials – almost 100 people have taken this course to date, and there is a waiting list for future offerings.

Green Schools Initiative helps to ensure that all Colorado children have the opportunity to attend a high performing and healthy school.

Introduced GPRO, a green building training and certificate program developed by Urban Green (USGBC New York City), focusing on the building trades will help to create new job opportunities in the green economy for Coloradoans.

Building awareness and sharing resources about high performance buildings with state and local government agencies and elected officials

Leading efforts to green the 18 Multiple Listing Services (MLSs) to incorporate searchable fields for third party certified green homes and energy features.

“We’re doing great stuff. We’re expanding minds regionally, and helping people to take new ideas and practices to their businesses and personal lives.”

-Stan Wagner, Group14
Engineering



Habitat for Humanity Build Day

Our Sustainable Future

With your donations, memberships, and volunteer support, we will continue to be the catalyst to transform the built environment in Colorado, and a model for the country. All Coloradoans within this generation will be able to live, work, learn, and play in high performing and healthy buildings. New green jobs will be created through the demand for these green buildings, and our environment, economy, and community will prosper.

Annual Operating Budget Goals

USGBC Colorado invests all of its resources to the green building community in Colorado. The majority of our annual budget goes to our mission-driven programs, ensuring that your contributions have a significant impact in local communities here at home.

Education	\$68,800
Community Education & Outreach (Branches)	\$53,800
State & Local Advocacy	\$26,900
Colorado Green School Initiative	\$40,000
Rocky Mountain Green	\$100,000
Programs & Events	\$53,800
Leadership Development	\$5,000
Greg Franta Education Scholarship Fund	\$5,000
Administration	\$53,800

How to Show Your Support for USGBC Colorado

Individual Donations

<http://usgreenbuildingcouncilcolorado.memberlodge.org/donate>

Chapter Membership

<http://usgreenbuildingcouncilcolorado.memberlodge.org/membership>

Sponsorships

<http://www.usgbccolorado.org/support/index.html>

Volunteer Opportunities

<http://www.usgbccolorado.org/membership/volunteer.html>



Since 2002, USGBC Colorado has been fueled by exceptional volunteers!

August 2010-Chapter leaders attend annual Leadership Retreat at The Y in Rocky Mountain National Park. Attendees enjoyed a social dinner, karaoke, and fireside chats on the first evening before rolling up their sleeves. A speed-dating program allowed leaders from different committees to engage one another and develop ways to support each other's efforts.

“I want to make a difference. I want to be a part of something bigger than myself. My big motivation is my children – I want the world to be a better place for them.”

-Jason Wulf, GH Phipps