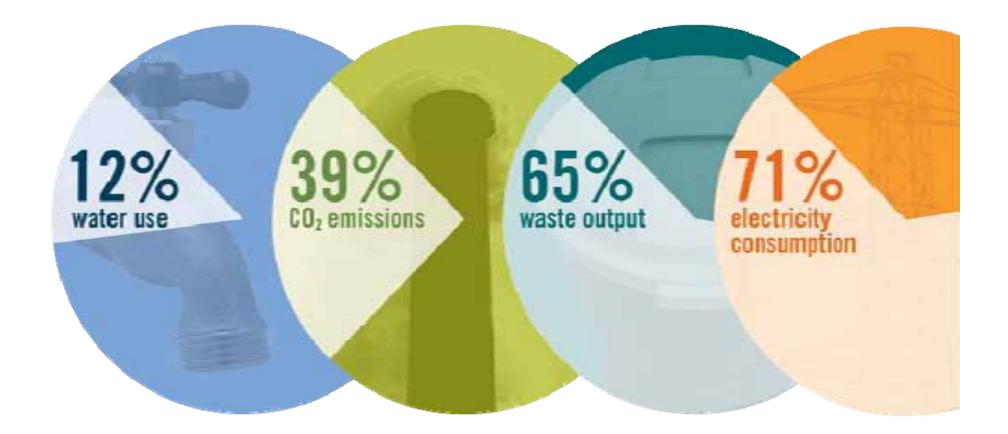


### U.S. Building Impacts:





The Average Green Building Saves:





What is green building? **Design and** construction practices that meet specified standards, resolving much of the negative impact of buildings on their occupants and on the environment.







## USGBC membership growth reflects the expansion of green buildings in the market.

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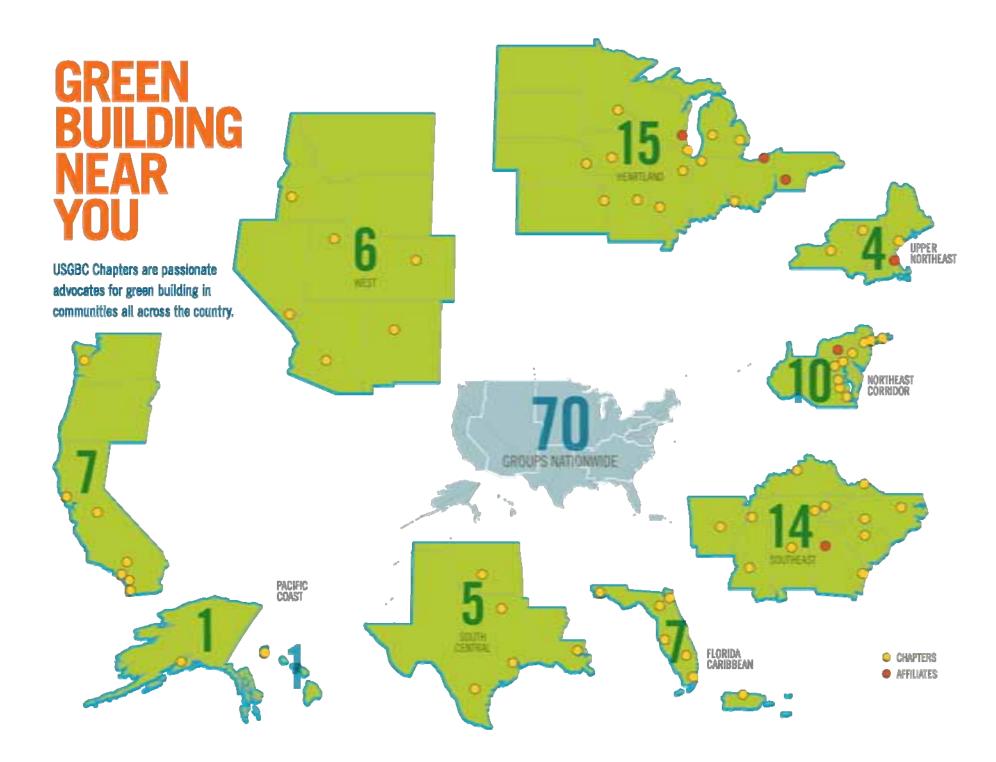
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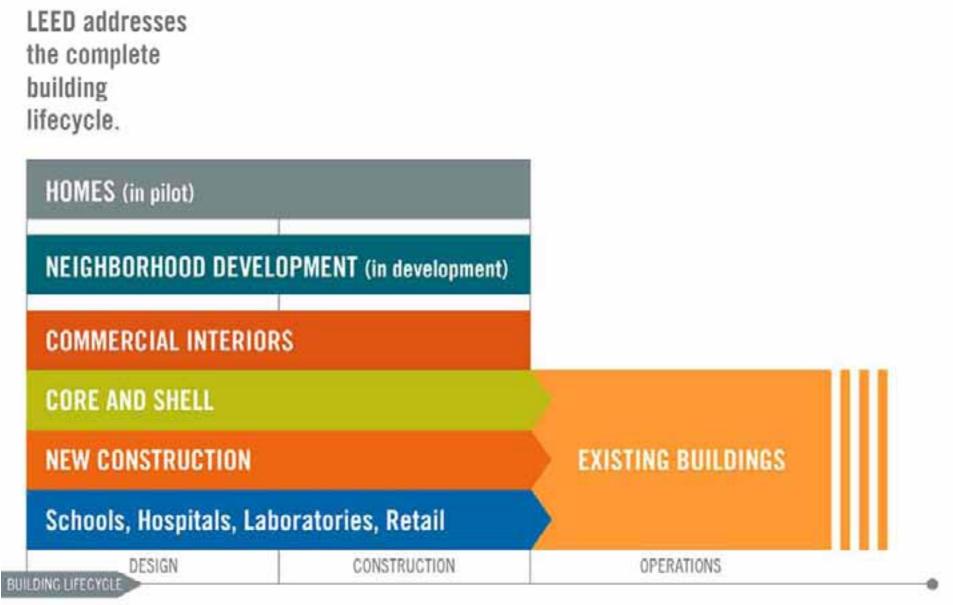
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# What is the LEED System?

Scores are tallied for different aspects of efficiency and design in appropriate categories.

#### LEADERSHIP in ENERGY and ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

A leading-edge system for certifying DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, & OPERATIONS of the greenest buildings in the world For instance, LEED assesses in detail:

- **1. Site Planning**
- 2. Water Management
- **3. Energy Management**
- 4. Material Use
- **5. Indoor**
- Environmental Air Quality
- 6. Innovation & Design Process

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Levels of LEED Ratings

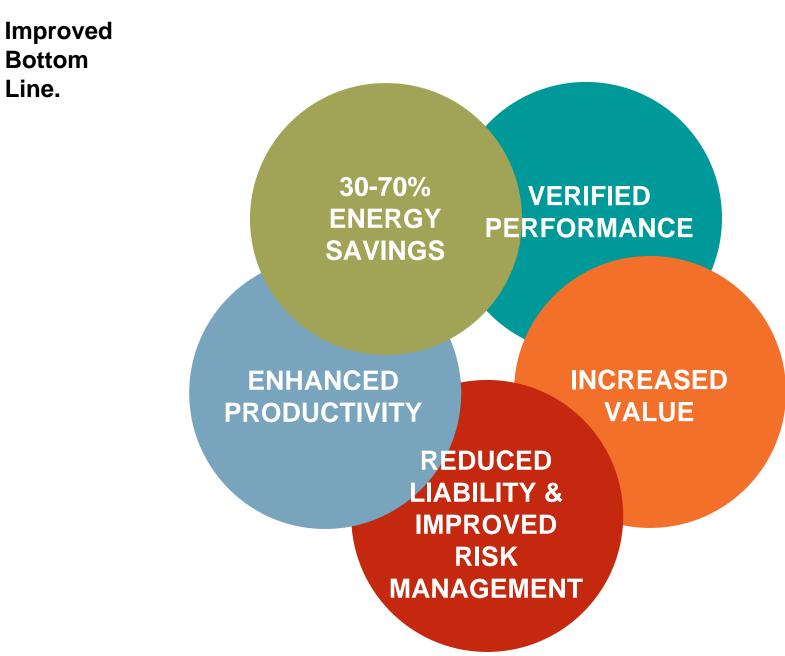
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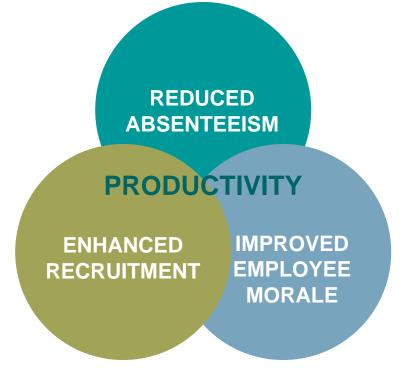








Improved Bottom Line.







#### LEED, Biobased Materials and Certified Wood

Timeline

September 2005 – Wood Certification "Summit"

January 2006 – USGBC BOD creates Wood Task
Force (Chaired by Alex Wilson, BuildingGreen, Inc.)

May 2006 – Wood Task Force White Paper issued

 January 2007 – USGBC completes competitive procurement process and selects Yale Program on Forest Policy and Governance (YPFPG) and Sylvatica as consultants to create policy making tools for use by Materials and Resources Technical Advisory Group (MR TAG)

•February-July 2007 – YPFPG conducts stakeholder outreach as background for preparation of report



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September 2007 – YPFPG and Sylvatica draft final policy making tools posted on Yale website for additional stakeholder comment –

Timeline

www.yale.edu/forestcertification/usgbc.htm

•November 2007 – USGBC member's forum at Greenbuild

•December 2007– Stakeholder comment public on YPFPG tools ends

•March 2008 – MR TAG meeting to draft credit language changes if necessary



#### LEED, Biobased Materials and Certified Wood

Substance (what we're talking about) Wood Working Group made two recommendations

 Change MRc6 from a Rapidly Renewable Credit to a Biobased Credit

 Modify MRc7 to establish a basis for adoption of certification systems but maintain FSC certification requirement for wood products at this time

 LCA consultancy Sylvatica has been assisting with MRc6 evaluations

YPFPG has been assisting with MRc7 evaluations

Changes to LEED that are approved by USGBC member ballot will go into effect on the date of Board ratification and apply to all LEED projects (commercial and residential) from that point forward



