

GETTING STARTED WITH HIGH PERFORMANCE GREEN BUILDING

A Guide for Virginia Localities

VIRGINIA IS A LEADER IN GREEN BUILDING

Virginia is home to a growing number of high-performing green buildings, in both the private and public sectors. In fact, Virginia has placed in the USGBC “Top Ten” States for LEED projects for the past several years. In 2020, 97 projects were certified representing over 16 million gross square feet.



Jefferson Houston School, LEED Gold, City of Alexandria

If your locality hasn't yet worked with high performance building systems, know that you aren't alone! Local governments in Virginia that already use high performance green building systems for their buildings include Fairfax County, the City of Alexandria, Arlington County, Henrico County, Charlottesville, Virginia Beach, and Richmond.

Through organizations such as the Virginia Energy Efficiency Council (VAEEC), these experienced localities can help those who are new to this approach and help you achieve better buildings - to save money over time and to deliver efficient, more climate-friendly, and healthier spaces for your employees, citizens, and students. And, should you choose LEED for your project, USGBC

offers free LEED Coaches to guide you through the process and find what you need.

NEW TO HIGH PERFORMING GREEN BUILDING? START HERE

If you are new to high performance green building, start with an introduction, such as one or more of these resources:

- ▶ [What is Green Building](#) (article with link to a video)
- ▶ [Green Building 101: What is LEED](#)
- ▶ [Green Building for Everyone](#) (free course with series of short videos and links)

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Henrico County Short Pump Firehouse 19, LEED Gold