



Zurich North America Headquarters Leed Platinum[®] Certification

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The Zurich North America Headquarters has been certified LEED Platinum[®], the highest level of certification attainable in the LEED rating system.

Developed by the U.S. Green Building Council[®] (USGBC), LEED is the preeminent program for the design, construction, maintenance and operations of high-performance green buildings.

The project emphasized a holistic, integrated approach to sustainability, involving the full project team, as well as a strong commitment from Zurich to engage employees throughout the process. Select sustainable initiatives include:

62% Energy Cost Reduction

- Received all points in the category
- Cogeneration facility uses a natural gas-fueled engine to generate electricity, as well as produce waste heat for other uses in the building
- Efficient MEP systems – optimal sizing, etc.

39% Domestic Water Use Reduction

- Installed water-efficient fixtures that reduce the water use (low-flow toilets and sinks)
- Rainwater harvesting and reuse

High-Performance Enclosure

- Tuning of façade for shading and orientation, including exterior shading and interior automated shades with daylight sensors
- Double wall mitigates the interior/exterior temperature difference, specifically on the south wall

Great Access to Daylight

- 76% of regularly occupied spaces met the daylight criteria

99% of Construction and Demolition Waste Diverted From Landfill

- Used as much material on site as possible, with remainder sent to recycling facilities
- >32% of materials were manufactured and harvested within 500 miles of jobsite

99% Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Certified Wood Used

- Addresses sustainable forest management

8 Electric-Vehicle Charging Stations

- Additional prioritized parking provided for low-emitting and carpool vehicles

Integrated Transportation

- Stops for 2 public bus routes and consolidated, multi-level parking on-site

Open Space and Native Landscaping

- Nearly 40-acre site with more than 70% open/softscape
- Includes more than 1 acre of green roof, 637 trees and 13+ acres of native savanna plantings

Low Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) Used

- Including interior paints, flooring, wood, and adhesives and sealants

Green Building Education

- Multiple presentations to Zurich employees on the process and the initiatives

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