

The Portland City Council, in Maine, unanimously approved a green building ordinance. The law requires all municipally owned or occupied new construction and renovation projects over 5,000 square feet with a total construction cost of less than \$250,000, and all new city-funded private construction and renovation projects over 10,000 square feet with a total construction cost of \$250,000, be certified LEED Silver and achieve the minimum LEED Optimize Energy Performance points necessary to meet the Architecture 2030 Challenge.

Recovery and greening existing buildings

Environmental Leader - April 7

Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan, \$6 billion is budgeted for increasing energy efficiency and conservation in existing federal buildings. George Ahn, CEO of Tririga, believes this marks a shift in the way we think about green buildings: existing buildings - not just new buildings - are critical to a low-carbon economy.

LEED conference in Chattanooga

Chattanooga Times Free Press - April 9

Paul von Paumgarten, dubbed the "godfather of LEED," said making buildings more environmentally friendly will pay off economically after an upfront investment. He spoke at a LEED [conference](#) in Chattanooga.

Notable green building projects...

Atlanta & Florida arenas are LEED certified

Fast Company - April 7

To save money and attract corporate sponsors, the Philips Arena in Atlanta, Georgia and the American Airlines Arena in Miami, Florida became the first NBA and NHL arenas in the country to be LEED-certified. Philips Arena features carpeting made of recycled materials, compact-fluorescent lamps, and stringent water conservation measures. American Airlines Arena has energy-efficient underground parking, water-conserving toilets, and carpeting designed to hold dirt and hence increase air quality.

LEED for college fitness centers

Mother Nature Network - April 13

College campuses across the nation are building LEED certified fitness centers including Pima Community College - Arizona, Longwood University - Virginia, and The University of Maine.

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