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[Court dismisses lawsuit against USGBC](#)

USGBC - Aug 17

The United States District Court in New York City dismissed with prejudice the entire lawsuit brought against the U.S. Green Building Council by Henry Gifford and others holding that the claims were too speculative and no legal interests were protected by the suit.

GREEN BUILDING FOCUS

[The legacy of a green pioneer](#)

Huffington Post - Aug 8

Ray Anderson was a green business pioneer. He founded Interface -- the world's largest manufacturer of modular carpet and a prime example of a sustainable business. Also, he founded "Mission Zero" to focus on leaving no environmental footprint. The legacy that Ray leaves behind is that sustainable practices can be very good for business. Ray died from cancer at the age of 77.

[PepsiCo executive values LEED](#)

Environmental Leader - Aug 11

David Walker, PepsiCo's Senior Director of Environmental Sustainability, indicates LEED helps build positive community relationships.

[\\$450M LEED community to replace power plant](#)

CityBiz Real Estate - Aug 10

The American Clean Skies Foundation is lobbying to shelve the 60-year-old Potomac River generating station and redevelop its 25 acres into a LEED-certified mixed-use community. The Washington, DC-based organization has invested one year into the design and planning of a redevelopment proposal for Alexandria's northern edge.

[Orange County USGBC proposes green classroom](#)

Business Wire - Aug 10

The USGBC is proposing an environmentally-sustainable refit of an existing classroom at the Davis Magnet School in Costa Mesa, California, to help students learn about green programs and policies.

[American Water earns \\$125K green building grant](#)

American Water - Aug 15

A team headed by American Water received a \$124,834 grant from the WaterReuse Research Foundation for a green building guidance program for the water reuse industry. American Water will team with Hazen & Sawyer and Alliance Environmental on the project. The cooperative research project is titled "Guidance for Implementing Water Reuse in New Buildings and New Developments to Achieve LEED Sustainability Goals."

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[Handicapped parking trumps hybrid parking](#)

Union Leader - Aug 13

Placing parking spaces for hybrid vehicles at the new New Hampshire liquor store closer to the entrance than handicapped spaces goes against LEED guidelines. The USGBC explained that fuel-efficient cars should not displace parking spots for the disabled.

GREEN BUILDING PROJECTS

[Health and Sciences Centre earns LEED Gold](#)

World Interior Design Network - Aug 9

Santa Fe Community College's Health and Sciences Centre covers an area of about 48,000 square feet. The building incorporates several green features which include installation of energy-saving mechanical systems and landscaping which reduces water wastage.

[High Pointe Office Center earns LEED Gold](#)

JS Online - Aug 12

High Pointe Office Center has been awarded LEED gold for existing buildings -- one of just a handful of area buildings to win that certification.

[Florida Atlantic earns LEED Platinum](#)

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The College of Engineering and Computer Science Building at Florida Atlantic University has earned LEED Platinum, becoming the first academic facility in southeast Florida to earn the distinction. The five-story building's sustainable features include: (1) chilled beam technology paired with solar PV systems, heat exchangers and other measures that cut energy consumption by about 35%; (2) efficiency measures that are expected to cut water consumption by 40%; (3) optimized use of natural light in 90% of the building's rooms; (4) diversion on 90% of the building's waste from landfill; and (5) use of local plants in the building's landscaping.

[University of Toledo earns LEED Gold](#)

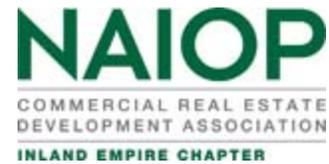
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University of Toledo's refurbished John F. Savage Arena in Toledo, Ohio, earned LEED Gold from the USGBC. The building imbibes various sustainable features such as installation of new efficient boilers and a hot water system to substitute electrical heating elements below the basketball court.

[Anixter earns LEED Silver](#)

The Sacramento Bee - Aug 9

Anixter earned LEED Silver for its new Edmonton distribution center in Canada. The 195,000-square-foot Edmonton facility features light scheduling, motion detectors and radiant heat lamps among other technologies to significantly reduce the warehouse's energy consumption.



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