

How did we earn the LEED® Platinum again in 2019?



Embassy of Finland
Washington D.C.

- Ongoing maintenance and continuous monitoring of the existing green building best management practices, policies, and programs were vital in scoring the highest level of re-certification.
- Staff's dedication to alternative means of commuting, including walking, biking, use of mass transportation, ride sharing and usage of fuel efficient vehicles (as defined by American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy) was an important factor too.
- Maintenance of exterior best management practices including maintenance and annual inspection of *Stormwater Management System*.
- Usage of environmentally preferred products on both the exterior and interior of the facility.
- Reduction of water usage specifically by only occasional watering of the vines on the front of the building as the only exterior landscaping watered. Water efficient fixtures used throughout the facility.
- Ongoing commissioning of the building systems to ensure proper and efficient operation of building equipment and lighting.
- Indoor Air Quality testing of HVAC systems to ensure minimum IAQ performance attained.
- Ongoing thermal comfort monitoring of the facility to ensure occupant comfort.
- Ongoing purchases of 100% renewable energy.
- Upgrade of interior and exterior lighting to LED. Predominately LED lighting used throughout the facility.
- Emphasis on sustainable purchasing of ongoing consumables, durable goods, and lighting.
- Focus on sustainable waste management of ongoing consumables, durable goods, and lighting.
- Green cleaning policy and program ensuring environmentally preferable purchases of cleaning products and cleaning equipment with ongoing occupant feedback.
- Adherence to environmentally preferable Integrated Pest Management practices for both the exterior and interior of the facility.
- Ongoing Green Energy community education and outreach performed by the Embassy.
- The building has succeeded in using even less energy through adjusting the operating times to correspond closely with the building's actual use and occupancy.