

Seward Co-op's Ends Statement and Scorecard

As our Ends Statement and Scorecard affirm, Seward Co-op is committed to sustainability and positive impacts on our environment and community. Our building, and our LEED certification, is an example of that commitment.

ENDS STATEMENT

Seward Co-op will sustain a healthy community that has:

- Equitable economic relationships;
- Positive environmental impacts; and
- Inclusive, socially responsible practices.

SCORECARD

We measure our success by how well we:

- Cultivate a diverse, respectful, and caring workplace.
- Reduce waste and conserve our natural resources.
- Commit to financial goals that allow us to maximize our profits in the support of our values and community.
- Build respectful relationships with customers that cultivate trust within our cooperative.



All work area windows are operable, allowing for fresh air intake.



Solar panels further reduce energy consumption.



White roofing conserves energy and minimizes heat-island effect.



Our community classroom lets us offer a wide variety of classes.



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LEED-Certified Gold



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What is LEED?

Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design — or LEED — is a third-party certification program and nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings.

LEED gives building owners and operators the tools they need to have an immediate and measurable impact on their buildings' performance. The idea behind LEED is to promote a whole-building approach to sustainability by recognizing performance in the areas of human and environmental health.

Why was LEED Developed?

LEED was created to accomplish the following:

- Define “green building” by establishing a common standard of measurement;
- Promote integrated, whole-building design practices;
- Recognize environmental leadership in the building industry;

- Stimulate green competition;
- Raise consumer awareness of green building benefits; and
- Transform the building market.

For more information on LEED visit www.usgbc.org.

Seward Co-op: LEED-Certified Gold

We considered many elements of the construction of the new store, from the materials we used to our energy dependency to the green space around the site. The following measures illustrate the co-op's commitment to a sustainable building for members, employees and the community to enjoy.

Sustainable Site:

- We rejuvenated a “brownfield” or dilapidated site.
- The site was designed to capture and retain at least 90% of storm water.
- We added 25% more green space to the site than zoning requires.

- White roofing material was installed to minimize heat island effects.
- The site is oriented for alternative transportation, and includes 78 bike parking spots, a bike repair station, and an employee shower to encourage bike commuting.

Energy & Atmosphere:

- The building's heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) and electric systems improve efficiency 17% above code requirements.
- The co-op made a two-year commitment to Tradable Renewable Certificates, which enables the use of renewable power, thus reducing power drawn from the local grid by 70 percent.

Materials & Resources:

- 96% of construction waste from the site was diverted from landfills.
- 12% of construction materials come from recycled content.

Indoor Environmental Quality:

- Automated lighting controls are sensitive to daylight penetration.

- All paints, coatings, carpets, adhesives and sealants in the building are low in volatile organic compounds (VOC).
- The building design allows for daylight to penetrate 77% of regularly inhabited spaces.
- For the comfort and well-being of workers and occupants, high air quality was maintained throughout construction, and continues to be maintained.
- All windows in work areas are operable, allowing for fresh air intake.

Innovation & Design Process:

- Our “Green Cleaning” protocol demands nontoxic cleaners such as anolyte and catholyte to protect the well-being of employees.
- The co-op purchased supplemental Tradable Renewable Certificates (35% energy use off-set is standard; Seward Co-op purchased an additional 35%, for a total of 70%).



The co-op is located at a rejuvenated brownfield site.



General Manager Sean Doyle leads the ground breaking ceremony.



Construction of the addition started in early April 2008.



Elements of the original structure are incorporated into the new design.



12% of construction materials are from recycled materials.



77% percent of inhabited spaces receive daylight.



Bike racks and a repair station encourage alternative transport.



Over 90% percent of storm water runoff is retained in gardens.