

# ***Green Building***

**Points: 5**

## **4.) Government Energy Star/LEED Renovation Policy**

Require local government building renovations to be Energy Star certified or follow LEED guidelines.

### **DESCRIPTION OF MEASURE**

The local government has an ordinance or policy to require all buildings owned by the local government that undergo renovations are certified by Energy Star or follow the proper LEED rating program. LEED offers two programs for renovations. LEED-NC is best for renovations that affect over 50% of the building's space or occupants while LEED-EB is best for buildings that affect less than 50% of the space or occupants. The Energy Star certification is based on the building size and type.

### **DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR CREDIT**

- ✓ A copy of the official ordinance or policy with date of adoption

The Douglas County Board of Commissioners passed the Green Community Ordinance on November 3, 2009 which contains the following;

#### ***A. Green Building***

**1. Energy Star Certifications.** The following policies shall apply to all public buildings that are either new construction or renovation projects:

- a. All new buildings constructed and owned by Douglas County shall be certified for New EnergyStar or EarthCraft Light Commercial construction. If achieving those certification levels adds costs exceeding \$10,000, approval shall be required by the Board of Commissioners.
- b. All new buildings renovated by Douglas County shall be EnergyStar certified.