

Green Building

Points: 5

5.) Community Green Building Incentives

Offer incentives for green building certifications (LEED, EarthCraft, Energy Star) such as expedited planning development review process, offering reductions/waivers of development fees or other methods of encouraging green building.

DESCRIPTION OF MEASURE

The local government has an ordinance or policy that offers incentives for builders to seek green building certifications like LEED, EarthCraft, and Energy Star. These incentives can be an expedited review process, reduced or waived development fees, density bonuses, or other incentives.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR CREDIT

- ✓ A copy of the official ordinance or policy with date of adoption
- ✓ Documentation on how the incentive will be implemented

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

The following policies shall apply to all privately owned buildings that are either new construction or renovation projects:

- a. Douglas County shall offer expedited plan review, plans processing and permitting for LEED, EarthCraft, and EnergyStar certified projects.
- b. Douglas County shall offer expedited building and site inspections for LEED, EarthCraft, and EnergyStar certified projects.