

Green Bonds Voluntary Disclosure

The University of St. Thomas is designing all new buildings larger than 25,000 square feet to a minimum of LEED Silver standards. St. Thomas' newest and largest academic building, the Schoenecker Center, was designed with the ability to achieve LEED Gold certification. The Schoenecker Center achieved substantial completion on January 12, 2024.

As previously reported, the project was awarded 45 credits through the design phase review by the US Green Building Council (USGBC). The project was awarded an additional 18 credits through the construction phase review for a total of 63 credits for the Schoenecker Center. Given that we exceeded the 60 credits required to achieve LEED Gold, our certification was issued on August 2, 2024 from the USBGC. Below are a few LEED Gold highlights from the Schoenecker Center design and construction:

- Completed enhanced and monitoring-based commissioning and envelope commissioning on the project.
- Recycled 80% of waste during construction.
- Reduced indoor water use by 38% using low-flow fixtures.
- Reduced 100% of outdoor water use. Rainwater is being collected in a 241,000-gallon underground cistern and reused for irrigation.
- Building HVAC systems are 27% more efficient than required by ASHRAE 90.1-2010.
- Use of LED light fixtures with an integrated lighting control system. 93.6% of occupied spaces have lighting control.
- Exterior fixtures are designed to reduce light pollution.
- Quality Views – 76% of regular occupied spaces have access to exterior views.
- Completed an indoor air quality assessment to test that volatile organic compounds were not present in the building.
- Received credit for providing all-gender restrooms.
- Provided additional electric vehicle charging stations in APF for SCC.

In addition to the Schoenecker Center, St. Thomas is working on a new athletic facility, the Lee and Penny Anderson Arena. The development of the arena, strategically located on the South Campus, is designed with sustainability and energy efficiency in mind. The arena is targeting LEED Silver certification at a minimum. This involves incorporating sustainable materials and high-performance systems aimed at energy conservation including HVAC systems that optimize energy performance, advanced energy metering, enhanced refrigeration management, indoor/outdoor water use reduction, sustainable material selections, and enhanced indoor air quality strategies.