Although new technologies are constantly being developed to complement current practices in creating greener structures, the common objective is that green buildings are designed to reduce the overall impact of the built environment on human health and the natural environment by:

* Efficiently using energy, water, and other resources
* Protecting occupant health and improving employee productivity
* Reducing waste, pollution and [environmental degradation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Environmental_degradation)[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Green_building#cite_note-epa.gov-1) 