In Ceremony at City Hall North Port Renews 'Florida Green' Certification

The Florida Green Building Coalition, the leading certifier of green projects in the state, announced that North Port, Fla. has renewed its prestigious designation as "Florida Green."

To earn "Florida Green Building" certification, a local government must meet the requirements of a comprehensive list of criteria and earn a minimum level of points, organized in terms of department functions, which are outlined in the FGBC's Green Local Government Standards.

"FGBC's standard focuses on improving environmental performance with respect to energy, water, air, land, and waste, said FGBC President Jeremy Nelson. "Governments are evaluated for environmental practices done in-house, incentives and ordinances that foster green practices, and educational activities for the community to improve the environment."

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FGBC Achieves Historic Milestone in 2016

Earlier this year the Florida Green Building Coalition achieved a major milestone - over 15,000 green certified projects in the state.
And the number keeps climbing, standing at nearly 16,000 at press time.

One reason is FGBC has created green building standards allowing it to certify that construction meets and adheres to the industry's best practices.


FGBC Supports Team Daytona Beach in DOE's Solar Decathlon 2017

The BEACH House in the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon 2017 will be certified "Florida Green" by FGBC.

The Florida Green Building Coalition is a proud partner with Team Daytona Beach in the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon 2017 and their BEACH (Building Efficient, Affordable, and Comfortable Homes) House.

The BEACH House is a forever home that has universal appeal for a small family with the desire to live sustainably without sacrificing comfort.

Passive, energy-neutral technology is incorporated throughout the house and designed to perform in
Florida's hot, humid climate. The BEACH House design is grounded in sustainability, aiming to meet the needs of today while not sacrificing the needs of tomorrow. This idea is the foundation of the forever home design plan, allowing the homeowners the freedom to grow and stay in the house as long as they wish.

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ARCSA Launches Online Programs

The American Rainwater Catchment Systems Association (ARCSA) has launched an Accredited Professional Online Workshop.

The ARCSA Accredited Professional (AP) program recognizes industry professionals who have achieved an advanced level of competence in designing and installing rainwater harvesting systems.

Previously only offered in person, the online AP workshop is designed to be interactive and engaging while preparing for the AP exam.

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Visit 'Florida Green' @ SEBC July 27-28

Stop by the FGBC booth #331 at the Southeast Building Conference at the Gaylord Palms in Kissimmee, July 27-28.

Learn about green building, "Florida Green" certifications and how to a part of the leading certifier of green building projects and communities in our state.

More

Sept. 5-8, 2017
American Planning Association Florida Conference
Ocean Center
Daytona Beach, Fla.
[More]

Sept. 28-29, 2017
FGBC Annual Meeting
Orlando, Fla.

Jan. 9-11, 2018
NAHB International Builders Show
Orange County Convention Center
Orlando, Fla.
[More]

Certification News

Homes
Registered: 15,833
Certified: 15,724

Commercial
Registered: 51
Certified: 16

High Rise
Registered: 61
Certified: 21

Land Developments
Registered: 62
Certified: 13

Local Government
Registered: 88
Certified: 68

Recent Certifications

Volusia County
Location: Deland
Type: Local Government
Certified: 6/15/17
Score: 35.8
Level: Silver

Charlotte County
Location: Port Charlotte
Type: Local Government
Certified: 6/12/17
Score: 29
Level: Bronze
FGBC certification programs are the only standards developed with climate specific criteria to address issues caused by Florida's hot-humid environment and natural disasters.

New members joining at the show will receive a free gift. You can also register for a $100 gift card. Get the details when you visit booth #331.

Click here to register for SEBC

SEBC 'Florida Green' Education Opportunities

Take advantage of green building education opportunities with the Florida Green Building Coalition at the Southeast Building Conference.

**Thursday, July 27 3:40-4:40**
**Building Green with Sustainable Profits**
Dr. Jennifer Languell
Room Miami 2-3

**Friday, July 28 9:05 am - 10:05**
**Guiding Principles of Energy Efficient Homes**
Dr. Jennifer Languell
Room Miami 2-3

**Friday, July 28 1:30-2:30**
**Using Technology Systems to Help Homeowners Live a Greener Life**
Michael Stram
Room Tallahassee 1-2

Save the Date! Annual Meeting Sept. 28-29

Details are being finalized for the Florida Green Building Coalition’s Annual Meeting, Sept. 28-29 at the Embassy Suites Orlando Downtown.

Board meeting, committee meetings, awards and presentations will be highlighted by the grand opening of our new offices in Downtown Orlando.

Hotel Information

Don't miss it. If you would like to be a part of the event

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FGBC Supports US Climate Alliance

The United States Climate Alliance comprises a group of states committed to upholding the 2015 Paris Agreement on climate change within their borders.

It was created earlier this summer by three state governors, Jay Inslee of Washington, Andrew Cuomo of New York, and Jerry Brown of California, after President Donald Trump announced U.S. withdrawal from the Paris Agreement.

Getting your local government certified Florida Green is a great first step.

Learn how at www.floridagreenbuilding.org

From 'Florida Green' Social Media Channels

South Miami Set to Become First City in Florida to Mandate Solar Panels on New Homes
South Miami is set to become the first city in Florida to require owners of new homes to install solar panels, joining San Francisco and two small cities in California as the only local jurisdictions in the United States with similar renewable energy building regulations.
A final reading was set for July 18, but there are enough city commission votes for it to pass.
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