

Williams College

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The Committee on Priorities and Resources recommends to the President and Senior Staff the adoption of the following policy:

LEED Certification Policy

Williams College wishes to incorporate principles of environmental (“green”) design in campus building projects. In embracing high-performance design, the College accepts an environmental leadership role, recognizing the intrinsic benefits of such design as well as the educational value of exposing students to principles of environmental design.

It is our goal, where appropriate, to achieve LEED certification for all new buildings and renovation projects at Williams. We will determine the level of appropriateness on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Building Committees or other authorities responsible for monitoring design and construction will carefully and demonstrably consider best practices in green design when undertaking new construction.
2. The College will adopt those elements of green design which are credibly cost effective.
3. When green design is not cost effective, the College will conscientiously weigh any potential environmental benefits against competing College priorities. Such an analysis will include an evaluation of the cost of meeting the minimum LEED standard for every new building.
4. Building Committees or other responsible authorities are strongly encouraged to ensure that adequate expertise has been retained to achieve the best and most cost-effective green design, especially in the case of large projects.