

## **Town of Clifton Park Planning Board**

### **Statement on Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design – LEED**

In order to encourage construction of energy-efficient and resource-saving homes and buildings in our town, the Clifton Park Planning Board hereby recommends that all new projects attempt to adhere to LEED certified standards for new construction. This recommendation is intended to support development using LEED standards as a catalyst for energy efficient and environmentally friendly homes and buildings.

The Planning Board, recognizing the need for increasing awareness of the long-term benefits for both the community and the owner of LEED certified buildings and homes, will request that all applicants be provided links and contact information to the US Green Building Council (USGBC) to promote adherence to these standards.

In addition, the Planning Board supports the efforts of the Town of Clifton Park G.R.E.E.N. Committee to recommend Building Code standards that take advantage of LEED principles.

LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is a voluntary, consensus-based national rating system for developing high-performance, sustainable buildings. Developed by USGBC, LEED addresses all building types and emphasizes state-of-the-art strategies for sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials and resources selection, and indoor environmental quality. LEED is a practical rating tool for green building design and construction that provides immediate and measurable results for building owners and occupants.

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) is a non-profit organization committed to expanding sustainable building practices. USGBC is composed of more than 13,500 organizations from across the building industry that are working to advance structures that are environmentally responsible, profitable, and healthy places to live and work. Members includes building owners and end-users, real estate developers, facility managers, architects, designers, engineers, general contractors, subcontractors, product and building system manufacturers, government agencies, and nonprofits.