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Building Environmental Assessment



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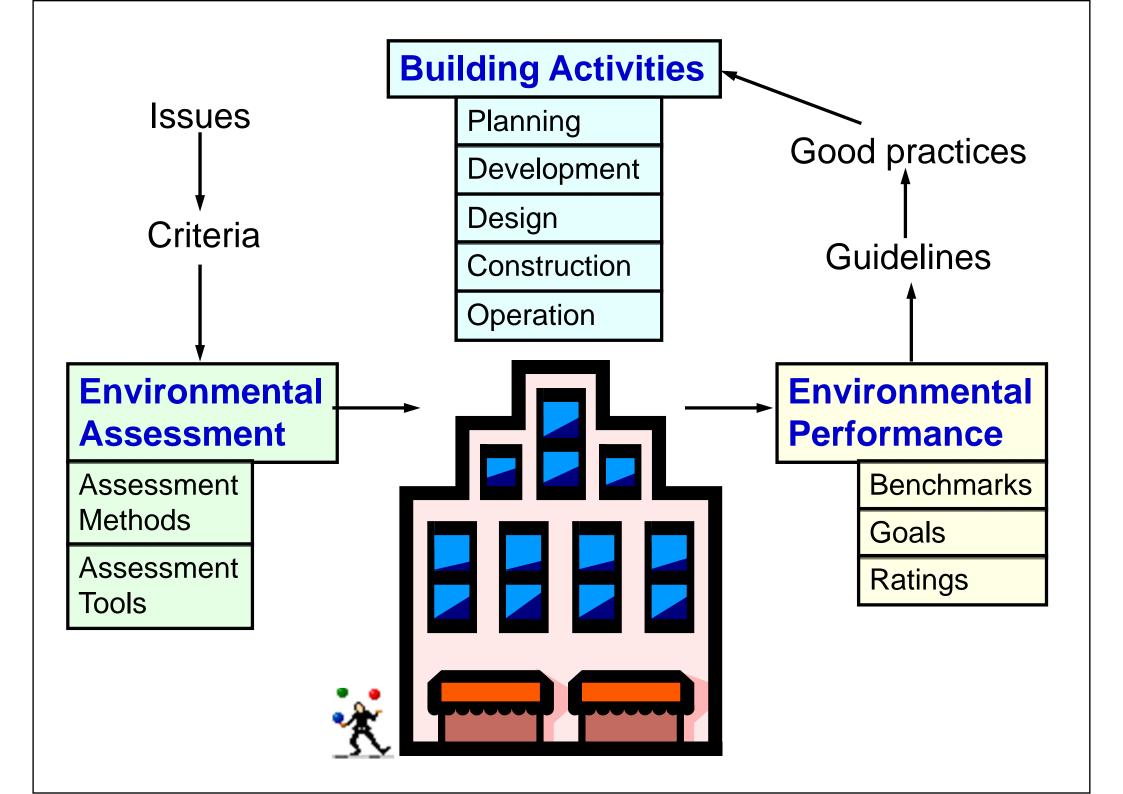
- Building environmental assessment
 - <u>Identify</u> & <u>evaluate</u> the environmental effects of building development or operation
 - Inform decision making and promote sustainable design & management
- An objective assessment is a useful starting point from which to make design and building improvements

For supporting decision making

Basic Principles



- Why environmental assessment?
 - Provide a common set of criteria & targets
 - Guide design decisions & choices
 - Raise awareness of environmental issues/standards
 - Recognise & encourage good practices
 - Stimulate the market for sustainable construction
 - Allow a verifiable method & <u>framework</u>
 - Enable policies & regulation (e.g. certificate/label)
 - Improve management & prioritization (incentives)



Basic Principles

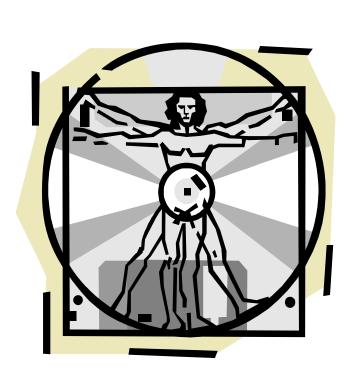


- <u>Design guidelines</u> provide a broader range of issues; <u>Assessment methods</u> give structure and priority, and provide strategic advice
 - Enhance environmental knowledge
- Enable building performance to be described
 - Performance-based indicators
 - Declared benchmarks
 - Prescriptive requirements (proxies for actual performance)

Basic Principles



- Scope/Scale of the evaluation
 - Building products
 - Building processes
 - Structural members/elements
 - Building systems
 - Single buildings
 - Groups of buildings
 - District, urban, regional & city
- New, existing & refurbished buildings

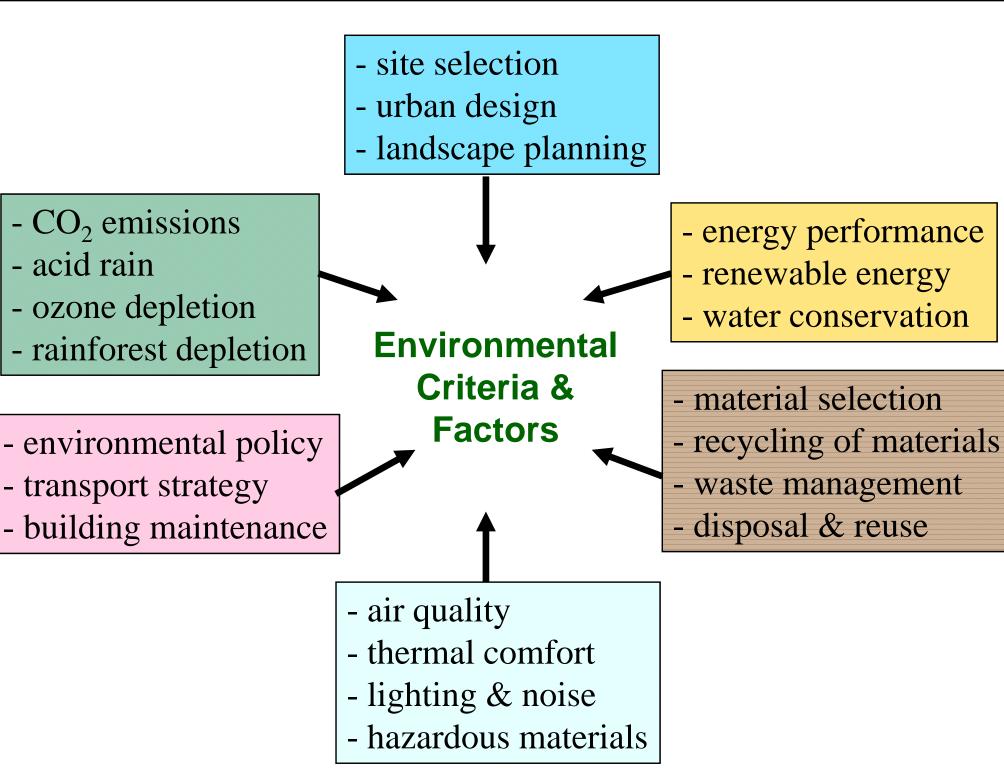


Assessment Criteria



- A broad range of criteria
 - Qualitative issues
 - Quantitative issues
- Types of criteria
 - Ecological vs health-related
 - Direct impacts vs indirect impacts
 - Immediate vs long-term implications
 - Global vs local





- CO₂ emissions

- ozone depletion

- transport strategy

- acid rain

Assessment Criteria



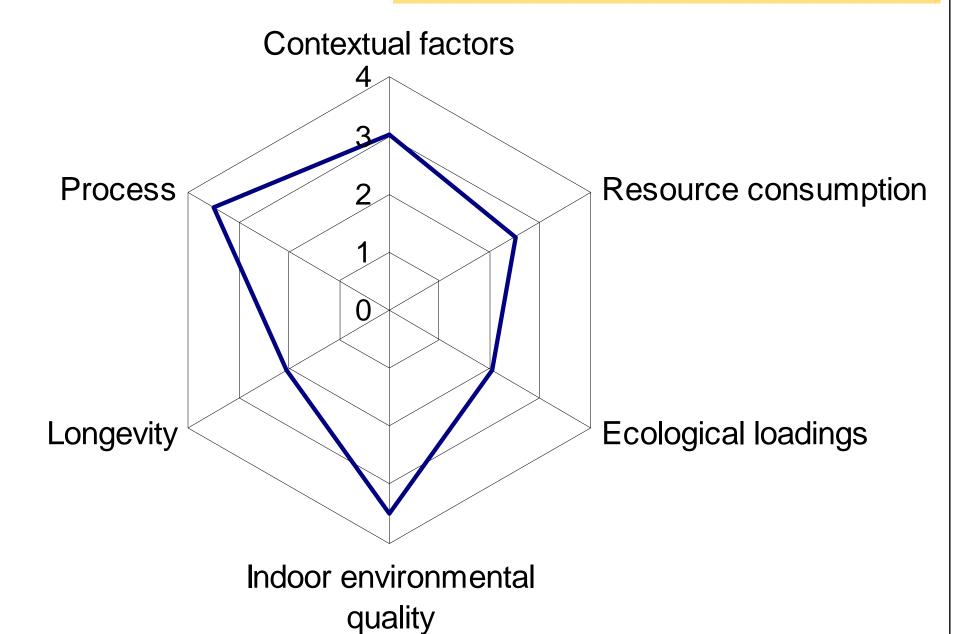
- Assessment process
 - Examine the <u>performance</u> of a building or its subsystem against a declared set of criteria
 - Usually voluntary (aim to stimulate the market)
- Scale of performance
 - Measure & assess relative performance
 - Assign 'points' or 'score' to various aspects
 - Quantitative criteria: relative to a baseline
 - Qualitative criteria: presence/absence of such features

Assessment Criteria

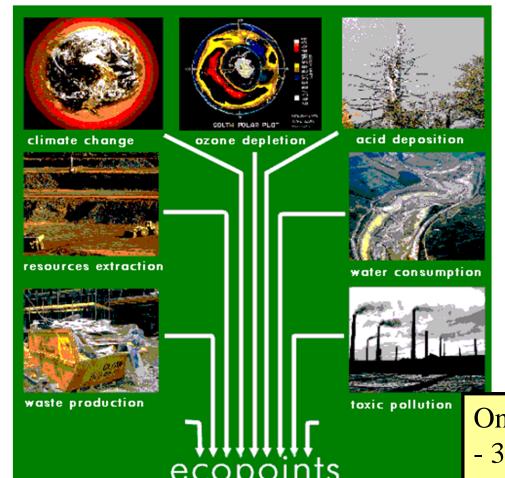


- Assessing multiple criteria
 - Indicate the 'best' overall performance
 - Methodology
 - Cost (or monetary value \$)
 - Equivalence method (e.g. air/water pollution index)
 - EcoCost (in common Gaia scale 0-1)
 - EcoPoint or EcoProfile
- Weighting system
 - To show relative importance, scale and urgency

How to visualize assessment results?



Radar chart for assessing multiple criteria



How to combine different criteria?

"Ecopoint" concept in the ENVEST (environmental impact estimating) tool (UK BRE)

One "ecopoint" is equivalent to:

- 320 kWh electricity
- 83 m³ Water: enough to fill 1,000 baths
- 65 miles by articulated truck
- landfilling 1.3 tonnes of waste
- manufacturing 3/4 tonnes brick (250 bricks)
- 540 tonne kms by sea freight
- 1.38 tonnes mineral extraction
- 300 miles of urban driving in new petrol car



(Source: UK BRE)



- Common approaches
 - Checklists or forms
 - Computer-based methods
 - Spreadsheet or computer programs
- Models used
 - Environment model
 - Product model
 - Life cycle model
- Data required: from simple to very detailed





Further info: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Green_building

- Examples
 - Europe:
 - BREEAM (UK)
 - CEPHEUS (Germany)
 - ECO-PRO (Germany)
 - EcoProP & PIMWAQ (Finland)
 - EQUER (France)
 - ECO QUANTUM (Netherlands)
 - MINERGIE (Switzerland)
 - BREEAM-NL (Netherlands)
 - VERDE (Spain)



- Examples (cont'd)
 - Canada & USA:
 - BREEAM-Canada & BEPAC-Canada
 - LEED Canada
 - LEED (USA)
 - BEES (USA) (for building products)
 - GreenGlobes (Canada & USA)
 - Australia & New Zealand
 - Green Star (Australia)
 - Green Office Scheme (New Zealand)



- Examples (cont'd)
 - Asian countries:
 - Japan Green Building Guide & CASBEE
 - Korea Green Building Rating System
 - GB/T 50378-2006 and GOBAS (Mainland China)
 - Taiwan Green Building Label
 - HK-BEAM and CEPAS (HK)
 - Green Mark Scheme (Singapore)
 - Green Building Index (Malaysia)
 - TGBRS (India)





- BREEAM UK (since 1990)
 - Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method
 - Used as a reference in many countries
 - BREAM family of assessment methods & tools
 - Any types of buildings (new and existing)
 - BREEAM International (outside of UK)
 - BREEAM In-Use (building management)
 - BREEAM Communities (planning stage)
 - Website: www.breeam.org/







- BREEAM UK (cont'd)
 - Credits awarded for a set of performance criteria
 - Energy, water, pollution, materials, transport, ecology and land use, health and well being
 - Construction & building operational management
 - A weighting system is applied to determine final rating
 - Stages of building development
 - Design & procurement
 - Management & operation
 - Post construction review





- BREEAM UK (cont'd)
 - Overall score rating:
 - Pass, Good, Very Good, Excellent, Outstanding
 - BREEAM Assessors
 - BREEAM Accredited Professional (BREEAM AP) and examination/training
 - Up to two credits if a BREEAM AP is engaged



- LEED Green Building Rating System
 - Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design
 - By US Green Building Council
 - Current LEED systems:
 - New construction & major renovation (LEED-NC)
 - Existing building operations (LEED-EB)
 - Commercial interiors projects (LEED-CI)
 - Core and shell projects (LEED-CS)
 - Schools, Retail, Healthcare, Homes
 - Neighborhood development (LEED-ND) (in pilot)





- Intro to LEED Certification (6.5 min.) [www.youtube.com/watch?v=G7qUUbrcVfY]
 - US Green Building Council
 - LEED Certification
 - LEED Exam Overview





- LEED Green Building Rating System
 - Evaluates and recognizes performance in accepted green design categories, including:
 - Y
- Sustainable sites
- Water efficiency



- Energy and atmosphere
- Materials and resources



- Indoor environmental quality
- Innovation credits



Website: www.leedbuilding.org





- LEED Green Building Rating System
 - Whole-building approach encourages & guides a collaborative, integrated design & construction process
 - Optimizes environmental and economic factors
- Four levels of certification (for version 2 or before)

• LEED Certified 26 - 32 points

• Silver Level 33 - 38 points

• Gold Level 39 - 51 points

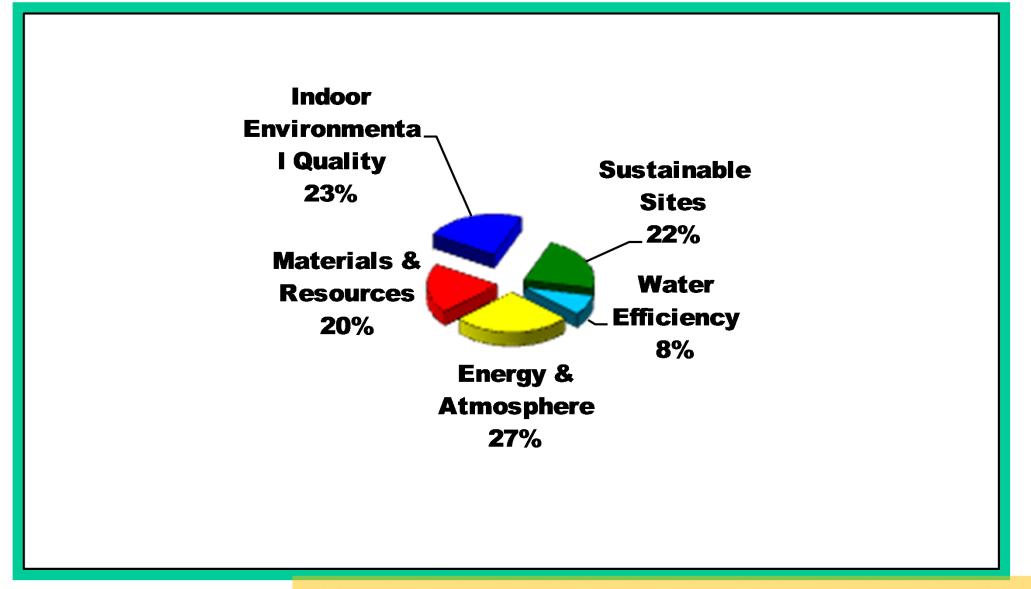
• Platinum Level 52+ points (69 possible)

LEED Accredited Professional



Which are the most important criteria?

LEED Point Distribution (version 2)



(Source: USGBC)

The relative importance of the criteria may change from one society to another one.

Phillip Merrill Environmental Center Headquarters Annapolis, Maryland



Owner: Chesapeake Bay Foundation

Project Team: Architect: SmithGroup, Inc.

Engineer: *SmithGroup, Inc.*P.Manager: *Synthesis, Inc.*

Contractor: Clark Construction Group
Consultant: Janet Harrison, Architect

Building Statistics:

Completion Date: November, 2000

Cost: \$6.36 M

Size: 30,600 gross square feet

Footprint: 12,000 square feet

Construction Type: 3B, Two Stories over Open Parking

Use Group: Business(B), Assembly(A-3), Storage(S-2)

Lot Size: 33 acres

Annual Energy Use: 23 kBtu/sf/yea



LEED™ 1.0 Certification: PLATINUM

Notes from the Project Team: $LEED^{TM}$ was instrumental in conveying the importance of the sustainable elements of the design to CBF's Board of Trustees.

- □ Sustainable Sites
 - Site Selection: Erected in Smart Growth Funding Area on footprint of existing structure. 26.6 acres remain undisturbed in Land Trust.
 - Educational Model: Interpretive trails & demonstrations for public visitors
 - Storm/Waste Water: All Composting Toilets & Bioretention/Wetland
 - Resource Protection: Woodland, Wetland, & Tidal Water Restoration
- Water Efficiency
 - Water: Rainwater Catchment & Reuse for Hand Washing & Irrigation
- Energy and Atmosphere
 - Domestic Hot Water: Thermomax-Solar Technology
 - Energy: Exceeds ASHRAE/IES Standard 90.1-1989 by 50%
 - HVAC: Natural Ventilation and Desiccant Dehumidification & Heat Recovery
 - Controls/Monitoring: Building Energy management System, "Green Light" notifies staff to open windows when outside conditions comply
 - Power Source: 30% Renewable with Geo-Exchange & Photovoltaics
 - **Lighting:** Daylight Harvesting and time clock lighting controls
 - Rapidly Renewable: Bamboo, cork and linoleum floorings
 - Recycled Content: Metal roofing and siding, acoustic ceiling, ceramic tile, and MDF cabinetry
- Materials and Resources
 - Structure: Rapidly Renewable-Paralam Post, Beam, and Truss system
 - Envelope: Structural Insulated Panels (SIP) R-20 walls, R-30 roof
- Indoor Environmental Quality
 - Indoor Environmental Quality: CO2 and VOC monitors.
 - Furniture: Small, open offices allow for communal space. Systems furniture allows flexible layout to accommodate "churn"



- LEED version 3 and new schemes
 - Include other criteria
- Locations & linkages
- Awareness & education (



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- Regional priority
- LEED Professionals
 - LEED Green Associate
 - LEED AP (different types)
 - Bldg design & construction, O&M, Homes, Interior design, Neighborhood development

LEED® for New Construction

Total Possible Points**	110*
Sustainable Sites	26
Water Efficiency	10
Energy & Atmosphere	35
Materials & Resources	14
Indoor Environmental Quality	15

^{*} Out of a possible 100 points + 10 bonus points

^{**} Certified 40+ points, Silver 50+ points, Gold 60+ points, Platinum 80+ points

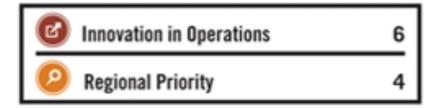
B	Innovation in Design	6
9	Regional Priority	4

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For LEED version 3

(Source: USGBC)



- New LEED professionals system (3 tiers)
 - LEED Green Associate
 - LEED AP+ with specialty
 - LEED AP Fellow

Tier 1







Tier 2











Tier 3





- LEED project registration and certification
 - Submit online registration form (www.gbci.org)
 - Fees vary depending on project type, size
 - LEED Platinum will receive a rebate of the fees
- Choose a project's market sector
 - New construction & major renovation (LEED-NC)
 - Commercial interiors projects (LEED-CI)
 - Core and shell projects (LEED-CS)
 - Existing building operations (LEED-EB)
 - Schools, Retail, Healthcare, Homes



- Application process
 - The project team submits LEED letter templates and other documentation for credit review and certification
 - <u>Decision makers</u>: the professional responsible for submitting the templates and documentation
 - Such as LEED AP, architect, building services engineer, civil engineer, commissioning authority, facility egineer, interior designer, landscape architect
 - Two phases of submission:
 - Design phase + Construction phase



- Minimum program requirements (MPRs)
 - Define minimum characteristics that a project must possess in order to be eligible for LEED
 - Must comply with Environmental Laws
 - Must be a building
 - Must use a reasonable site boundary
 - Must comply with minimum floor area requirements
 - Must comply with minimum occupancy rates
 - Must allow USGBC to access whole building energy & water usage data
 - Registration & certification activity must comply with reasonable timetables



- Prerequisite (New Construction)
 - SSp1: Construction activity pollution prevention
 - WEp1: Water use reduction
 - EAp1: Fundamental commissioning of building energy systems
 - EAp2: Minimum energy performance
 - EAp3:Fundamental refrigerant management
 - MRp1: Storage and collection of recyclables
 - IEQp1: Minimum IAQ performance
 - IEQp2: Environmental tobacco smoke control



Sustainable sites



- Develop only on appropriate sites
- Provide for non-auto access
- Preserve open space
- Manage stormwater
- Reduce urban heat island effect
- Reduce light pollution of the night sky



- Water conservation
 - Reduce use of potable water for irrigation and for building water use and sewage conveyance
- Energy efficiency and atmosphere protection



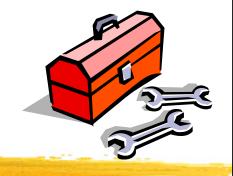
- Reduce building energy use
- Use less harmful chemicals for refrigerants
- Generate renewable energy on-site
- Provide for ongoing energy savings
- Purchase green power for project use



- Materials and resource conservation
 - Provide for recycling
 - Reuse existing buildings
 - Reduce construction waste generation
 - Use salvaged and recycled content materials
 - Source materials regionally
 - Use rapidly renewable (agricultural) materials and certified wood products



- Indoor environmental quality
 - Improve indoor air quality
 - Increase outside air ventilation
 - Manage air quality during construction
 - Use only nontoxic quality finishes, carpets, and composite wood products
 - Reduce exposure to toxic chemicals during building operations
 - Provide for individual comfort control
 - Maintain thermal comfort standards

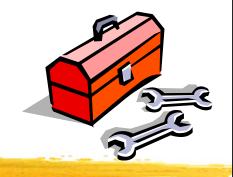


- CASBEE (Comprehensive Assessment System for Building Environmental Efficiency), Japan
 - Tool-0: Pre-design
 - Tool-1: New Construction
 - Tool-2: Existing Buildings
 - Tool-3: Renovation
 - Website: www.ibec.or.jp/CASBEE/



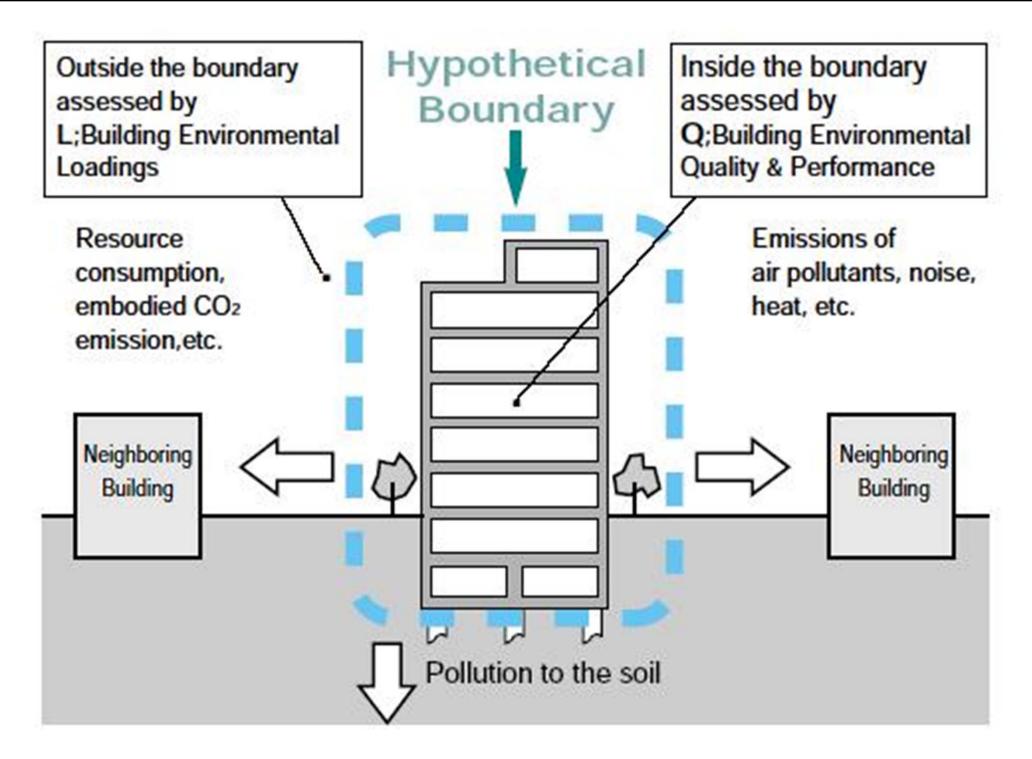
CASBEE Building Lifecylce and Four Assessment Tools

Design process	Pre-design		Design		Po	ost-desi	gn	
Building lifecycle	Planning New Construction Basic Design for Construction design execution tion		Operation	Reno Design	Vation Construct ion	Operation		
Tool-0 CASBEE for Pre-Design	Pre-design ass of building plant selection etc.	me 2007			Labeling			
Tool-1 CASBEE for New Construction				Labeling			Labeling	
Tool-2 CASBEE for Existing Building					Assessment of existing buildings (Assess the actual specification and performance realized at the time of assessment)			Assessment of existing buildings (Assess the actual specification and performance realized at the time of assessment)
Tool-3 CASBEE for Renovation								



- CASBEE system:
 - CASBEE for New Construction
 - CASBEE for Existing Building
 - CASBEE for Renovation
 - CASBEE for Heat Island
 - CASBEE for Urban Development
 - CASBEE for an Urban Area + Buildings
 - CASBEE for Home (Detached House)





From Eco-efficiency of a building to BEE

Original definition: (WBCSD) Values of products or services

Environmental load unit

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Modeled definition:

Beneficial output

Input +Non-beneficial output

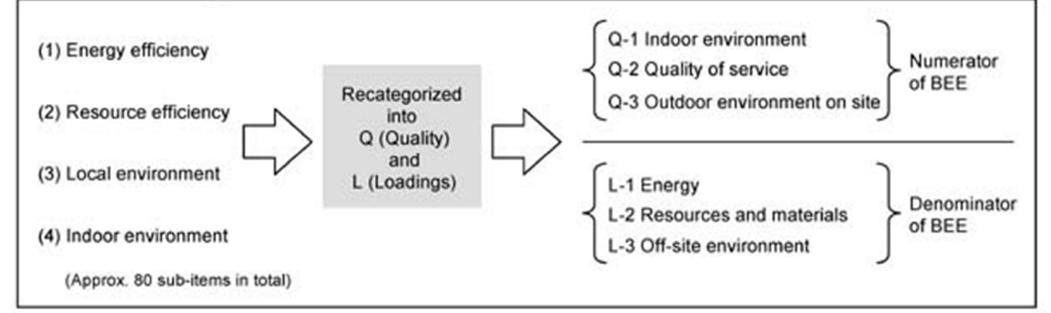


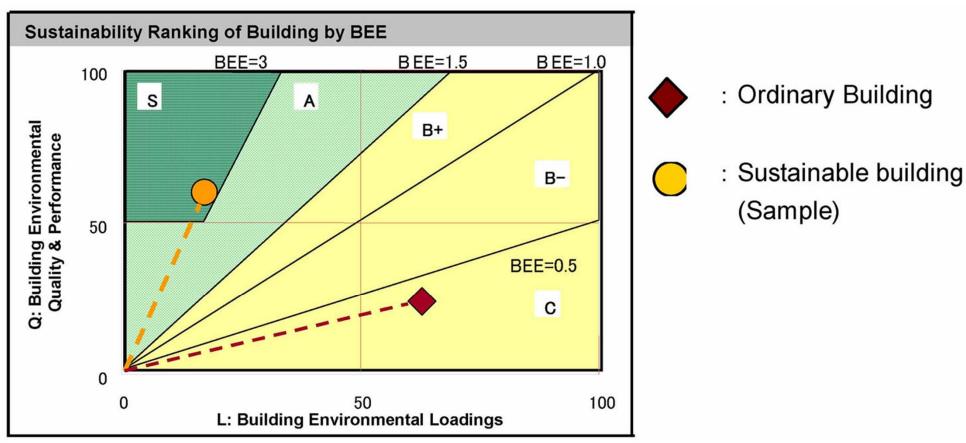
Definition of BEE in CASBEE:

Building Environmental Quality & Performance
Building Environmental Loadings

Building Environmental Efficiency (BEE)

Building Environmental Quality & Performance
Building Environmental Loadings





CASBEE[®]評価内容

CASBEE-新築(簡易版)

建物名称 NBF豊洲ガーデンフロント

建物用途 事務所

建設地 東京都江東区豊洲5丁目6-7

気候区分

地域·地区 準工業地域、準防火地域、第三種高度地区

竣工日 2007年9月30日

12,551.33m² 敷地面積

建築面積 5.092.29 m²

延床面積 36.310.82m2

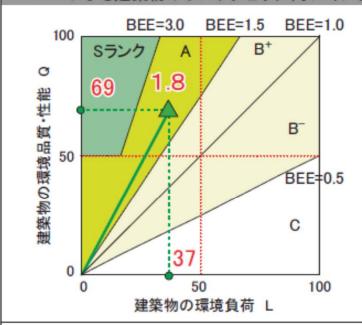
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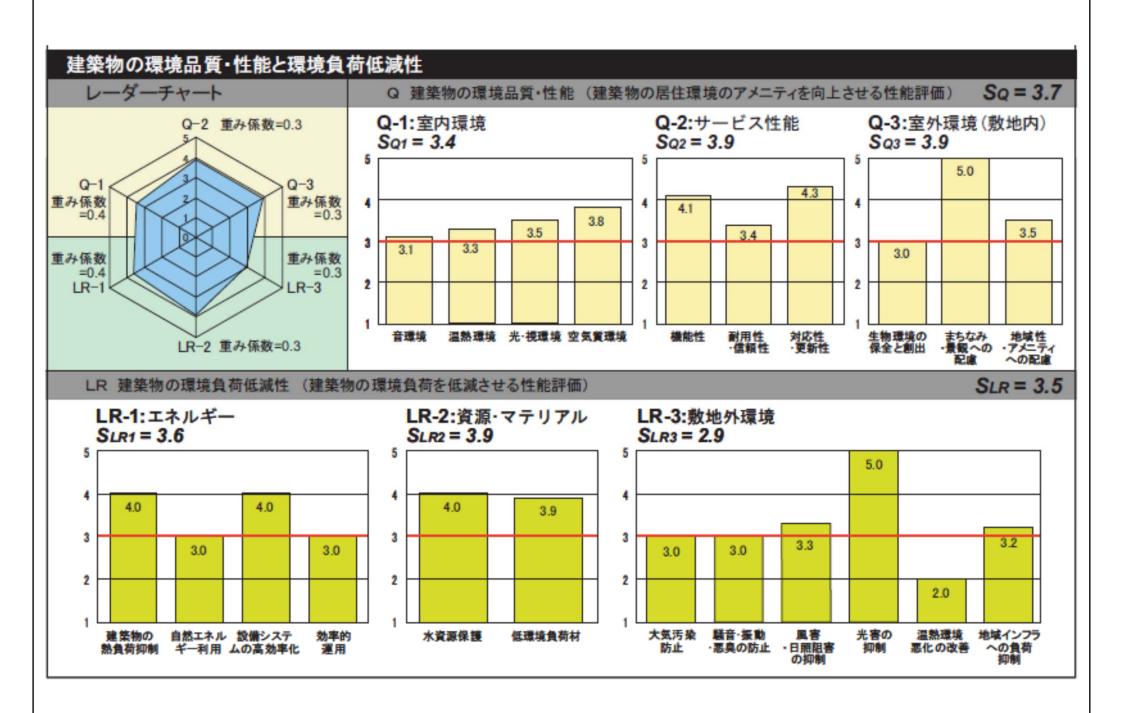
平均居住人員 5.660人

年間使用時間 2,500時間/年

(BEE: Building Environmental Efficiency) BEEによる建築物のサステナビリティランキング BEE=1.0 BEE=3.0 BEE=1.5 100 Sランク 1.8 69



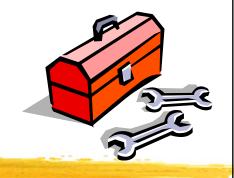




Korea's Green Building Rating System Criteria (multi-residential building)

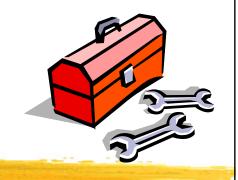
Section	Resource Consump- tion	Environ- mental Loadings	Quality of Indoor Environ.	Longevity	Process	Contextual Factors
Criteria (Number)	- energy (8) - land (3) - water (2) - materials (7)	- airborne emissions (17) - solid waste (4) - liquid waste (4) - other loadings (2)	- air quality (10) - thermal quality (4) -visual quality (7) - noise & acoustics (3) - controllability of system (2)	- adapt- ability (5) - mainten- ance of perform- ance (6)	- design & construction process (6) - building operations planning (7)	- location & trans-portation (1) - loadings on immediate surroundings (4)
Total(102)	20	27	26	11	13	5

^{*} Source: Green Building Council of Korea (www.gbc-korea.co.kr)



- Green Mark (GM) Scheme, Singapore
 - Started 2005
 - http://bca.gov.sg/GreenMark/green_mark_criteria.html
 - Categories:
 - Non-Residential New Buildings
 - Residential New buildings
 - Existing Buildings
 - Office Interior
 - Landed Houses
 - Infrastructure
 - District





- Green Mark (GM) Scheme, Singapore
 - Assessment criteria
 - Energy Efficiency [79]
 - Water Efficiency [14]
 - Environmental Protection [32]
 - Indoor Environmental Quality [8]
 - Other Green Features and Innovation [7]
 - GM ratings: max 140 + 20 bonus points
 - Platinum (90+), GoldPlus (85-90), Gold (75-85) or Certified (50-75)
 - Re-assess every 3 years to maintain GM status

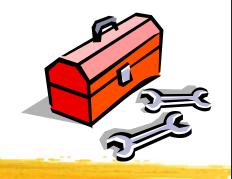




- Green Building Index (GBI), Malaysia
 - Started 2009 (www.greenbuildingindex.org)
 - New Construction (NC)
 - Non-residential (NRNC) and residential (RNC)
 - Procedures:
 - Stage 1. Application & Registration
 - Stage 2. Design Assessment
 - Stage 3. Completion & Verification Assessment
 - GBI Accreditation Panel (GBIAP)
 - GBI Certifiers and GBI Facilitators



- Green Building Index (GBI), Malaysia
 - Six main criteria: [max. point for new construction]
 - Energy Efficiency (EE) [35]
 - Indoor Environment Quality (EQ) [21]
 - Sustainable Site Planning & Management (SM) [16]
 - Materials & Resources (MR) [11]
 - Water Efficiency (WE) [10]
 - Innovation (IN) [7]
 - Total score = 100
 - GBI ratings: Certified (50-65), Silver (66-75), Gold (76-85) and Platinum (86+)



- Mainland China
 - GB/T 50378-2006, Evaluation Standard for Green Building (綠色建築評價標準)
 - Similar to LEED in structure and rating process
 - A three-star Green Building certificate will be awarded to the qualified buildings
 - Green Olympic Building Assessment System (GOBAS) (綠色奧運建築評核系統)
 - Developed from the Japan's CASBEE method
 - Applied mainly in Beijing



- Taiwan Green Building Label
 - Nine sets of assessment criteria/indicators:
 - 1. Biodiversity 生物多樣性
 - 2. Greenery 綠化量
 - 3. Water retention 基地保水
 - 4. Energy efficiency 日常節能
 - 5. Carbon dioxide reduction CO2減量
 - 6. Waste reduction 廢棄物減量
 - 7. Indoor environment 室內環境
 - 8. Water resources 水資源
 - 9. Wastewater and garbage 污水垃圾改善



(Sources: www.taiwangbc.org.tw, www.cabc.org.tw)



- Taiwan Green Building Material
 - General
 - Healthy
 - Recycling
 - High-performance
 - Ecological
- Website: www.cabc.org.tw/gbm







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HONG KONG BUILDING ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT METHOD
香港建築環境評估法

- Previous versions:
 - Version 1/96R for new office designs
 - Version 2/96R for existing office buildings
 - Version 3/99 for new residential buildings
 - Hotel Building Environmental Assessment Scheme (HBEAS)
- Issues covered:
 - Global issues & use of resources
 - Local issues
 - Indoor issues



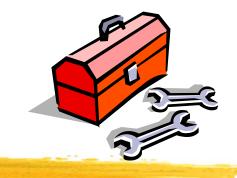
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HONG KONG BUILDING ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT METHOD
香港建築環境評估法

- Versions 2004:
 - HK-BEAM 4/04 New Buildings
 - HK-BEAM 5/04 Existing Building
- Approach and criteria
 - Site aspects
 - Materials aspects
 - Energy use
 - Water use
 - Indoor environmental quality (IEQ)
 - Innovation & performance enhancements





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HONG KONG BUILDING ENVIRONMENTAL

- Weighting system to reflect
 - Relative importance of criteria
 - Relative areas of the spaces
- Overall assessment grade (IEQ must meet min. %)

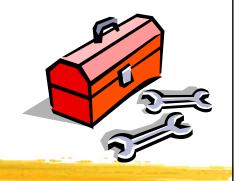
 Platinum 75% (Excellent) min. IEQ 65%

65% (Very Good) min. IEQ 55% Gold

min. IEQ 50% Silver 55% (Good)

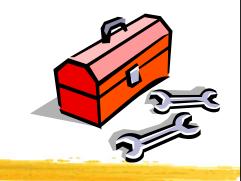
40% (Above average) min. IEQ 40% Bronze

Website: www.hk-beam.org.hk



- BEAM Plus (launched 2009)
 - Version 2009: (start 1 Apr 2010)
 - BEAM Plus for New Buildings
 - BEAM Plus for Existing Buildings
 - Criteria [weighting]
 - Site aspects (SA) [25%]
 - Materials aspects (MA) [8%]
 - Energy use (EU) [35%]
 - Water use (WU) [12%]
 - Indoor environmental quality (IEQ) [20%]
 - Innovations & additions (IA) [credits 0-3]

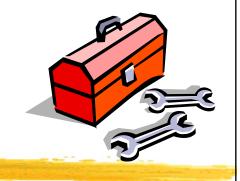




- BEAM Plus (launched 2009)
 - Overall grade: (with min. for SA, EU and IEQ)

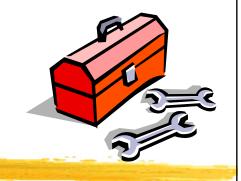
	Overall	Site Aspects	Energy Use	IEQ	Innov. & Addn.	
Platinum	75%	70%	70%	70%	3 credits	Excellent
Gold	65%	60%	60%	60%	2 credits	Very Good
Silver	55%	50%	50%	50%	1 credit	Good
Bronze	40%	40%	40%	40%		Above Average





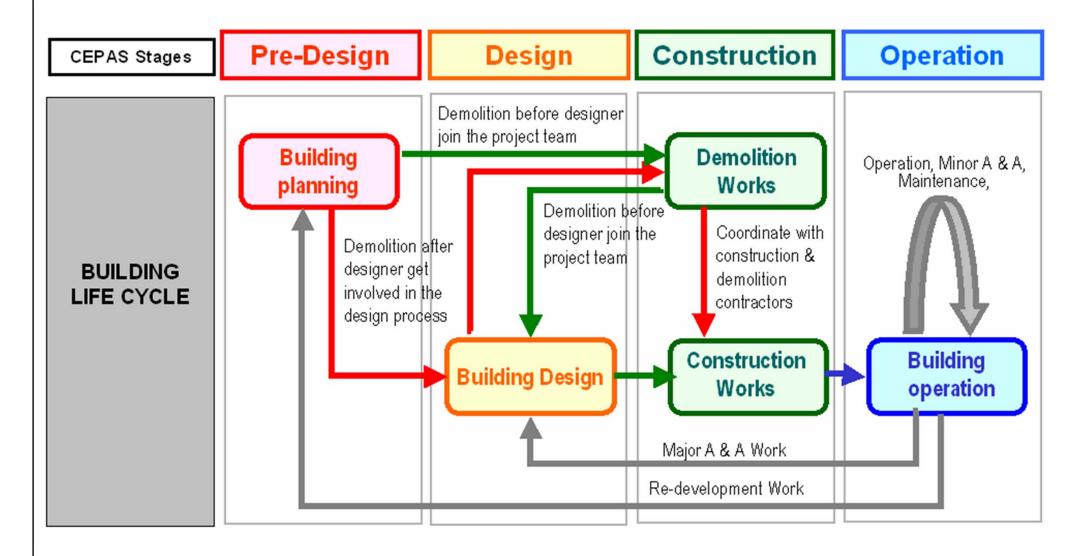
- Comprehensive Environmental Performance Assessment Scheme (CEPAS) for Buildings
 - A consultancy study is commissioned by Buildings Department to develop this scheme
 - Building types:
 - Residential
 - Non-residential
 - Applications: new buildings, major addition & alternation, existing buildings

Further info: http://www.bd.gov.hk/english/documents/index_CEPAS.html

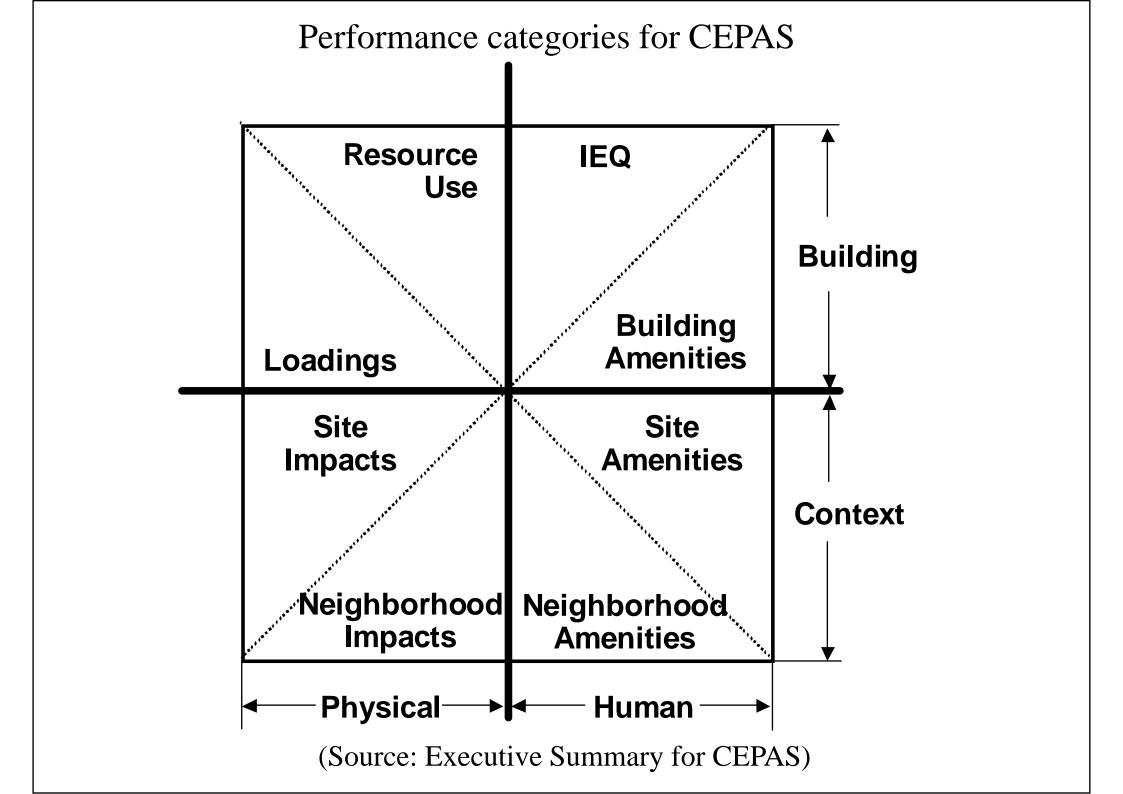


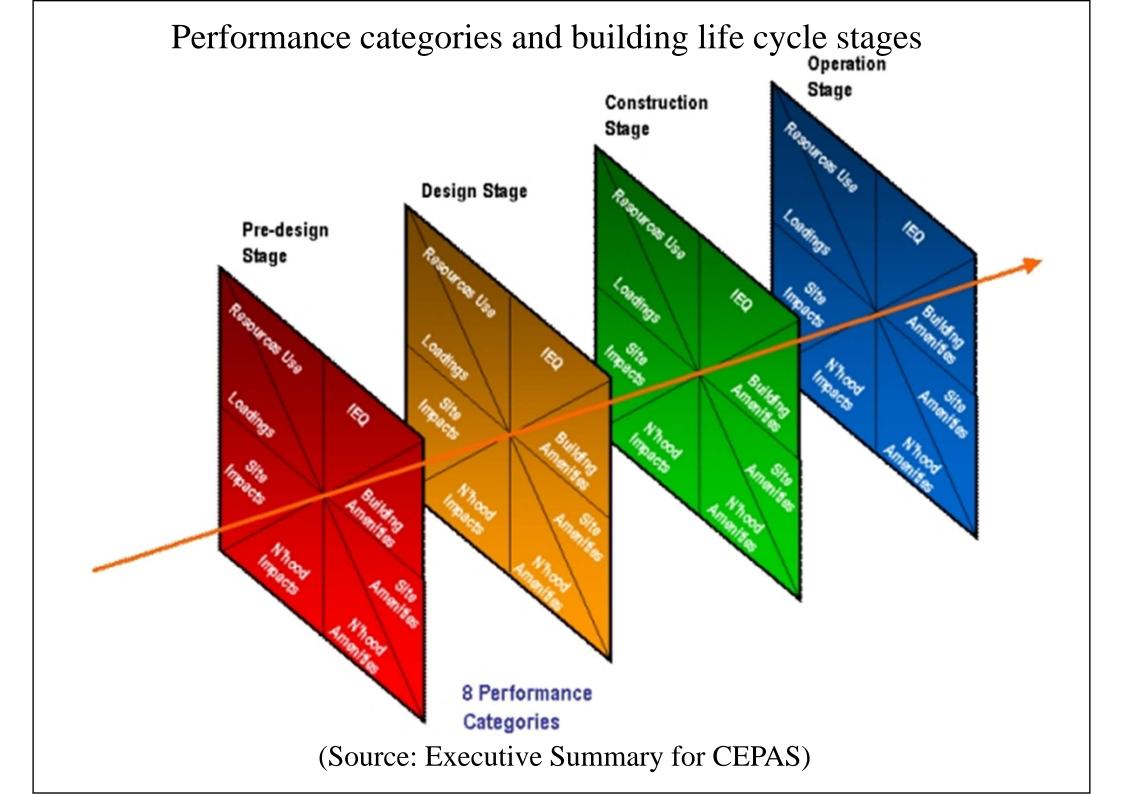
- Comprehensive Environmental Performance Assessment Scheme (CEPAS) for Buildings
 - Four main stages:
 - Pre-design
 - Design
 - Construction
 - Operation
 - Eight performance categories
 - Loading, Resources use, IEQ, Building amenities, Site amenities, Neighborhood amenities, Neighborhood impacts, Site impacts

Building life cycle stages for CEPAS (2006)



(Source: Executive Summary for CEPAS)





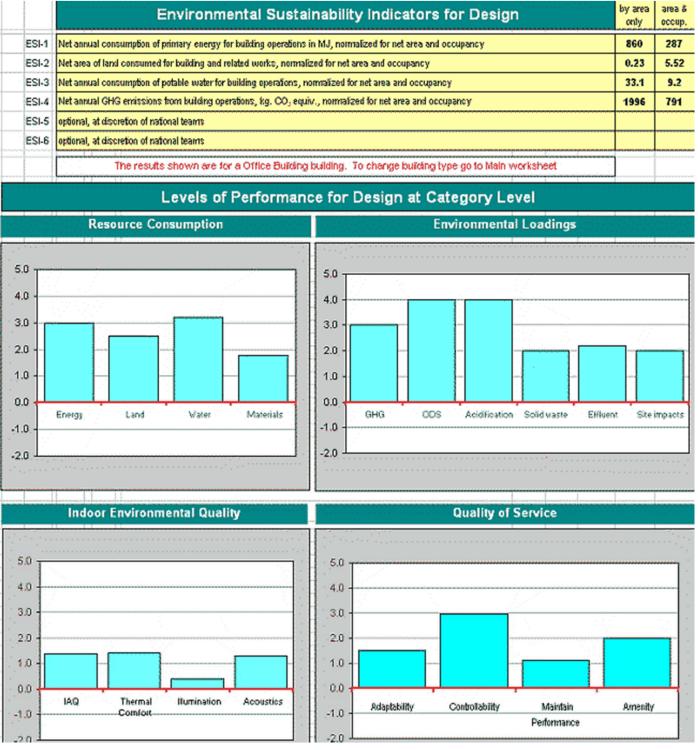


- GBTool
 - GBC (Green Building Challenge) for 19 countries
 - Issues considered
 - Resource consumption (R)
 - Environmental loadings (L)
 - Indoor environmental quality (Q)
 - Quality of service (**S**)
 - Economics (**E**)
 - Pre-operations management (M)
 - Architectural quality (? not included)

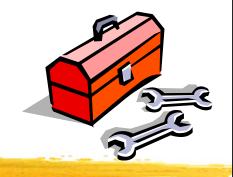


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- Green Building Challenge (GBC)
 - An international process, initiated by Canada
 - Examples of green buildings in the world
 - GBC 1998 (Vancouver, Canada)
 - GBC 2000 (Maastricht, the Netherlands)
 - GBC 2002 (Oslo, Norway)
 - See conference proceedings & GBC CD







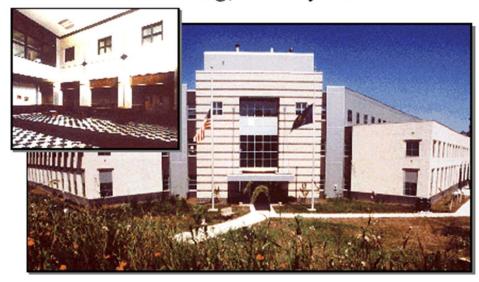




- Pennsylvania's First Green Building
 - Location: Pennsylvania, USA
 - Completion: 1999
 - Description: [videorecording, 27 min.]
 - http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt?open
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Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Harrisburg, Pennsylvania



Owner: New Morgan Municipal Authority

Project Team: Architect: Kostecky Group

Engineer: Deepal Wickramasinghe & N.K.

Gunawardana

Contractor: 909 Partners as GC Consultant: Energy Opportunities,

> Carnegie Mellon University, Penn Energy Project & 21 other

Building Statistics:

Completion Date: May, 1998 Cost: \$5.7 M

Size: 73,000 gross square feet

Footprint: 26,770 square feet
Construction Type: Three story steel frame

Use Group: Business (State Government Office Building)

Lot Size: 13.4 acres
Occupancy: 240 Employees



LEED™ 1.0 Certification: BRONZE

Notes from the Project Team: LEED™ is an invaluable tool for Building Green in Pennsylvania projects which require an integrative design and measuring tool for High Performance Green Buildings.

- Sustainable Sites
 - Site Selection: Brownfield (once a quarry then landfill) and within the Harrisburg Area Economic Development Corridor
 - Resource Protection: Leachate & Methane collection for remediation, indigenous plants, & Xeroscaping regenerate natural landscape
- Water Efficiency
 - Water: Complies with Energy Policy Act Of 1992, uses water saving fixtures
 - · Storm/Wastewater: Xeriscaping techniques help manage stormwater
- Energy and Atmosphere
 - Energy: Exceeds ASHRAE/IES Standard 90.1-1989 by 20%
 - HVAC: Raised floor air plenum with individual control of air flow/temperature
 - Controls/Monitoring: Energy and air monitoring systems measure temperature, relative humidity, and CO₂
 - · Power Source: Gas-Fired absorption chiller uses water as refrigerant
 - Lighting: Split task indirect ambient with high reflectance ceiling tiles, T-8 lamps and light shelves enhance day lighting
- Materials and Resources
 - Structure: 94% postindustrial Nucor recycled steel frame
 - Recycled Content: 25% of materials have substantial recycled content.
- Indoor Environmental Quality
 - · Low Emitting Materials: Concrete floor with Low-VOC sealant
 - Furniture: Conference room chairs' seat fabric made of wool & plant fiber--toxic free biodegradable. Panel fabric made of100% postconsumer recycled plastic PET.