

# Intergovernmental Green Building Group (IGBG)

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## In Support of greenSPACE

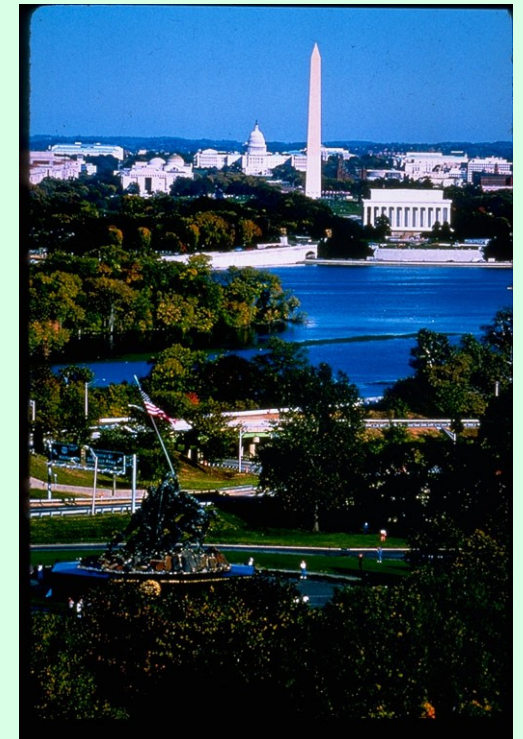
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# COG Vision

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The National Capital Region is a national leader in green building. The region's local governments will lead in innovation and stewardship of the environment through green building design and construction and support for innovation in the private sector.





# Green Building Recommendations

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- Establish LEED as the region's preferred green building rating system for New Construction
- Recommend that LEED Silver be the goal for all local government facilities constructed in the Washington Metropolitan Region
- Establish Regional Green Standard for Private Commercial Development
- Regional efforts on Education and Collaboration



# IGBG – Current Activities

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- Education
- Green Schools Summit (October 3)
- Residential, school, and existing building standards
- Maintain Green Building Policy Matrix
- Affordable Green Housing and Green Jobs Conference
- Green Codes Forum

# Need for “Green” Education

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Building professionals are looking for **guidance** to meet the demand for green building

Workforce development is focusing on the opportunities in **green collar jobs**

Local governments are navigating the transition to **green practices and policies**





# Need for “Green” Education

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- Need training for successful implementation of green requirements mandated by local green building legislation (DC, MD, and VA)
- Survey of Green Building Professionals
  - Hands-on training, interactive exhibits, technical assistance, specific information on materials and systems

# greenSPACE Vision

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greenSPACE: A center to inspire, educate and advocate for green buildings and green communities in the DC Metro region

Partners: GreenHome, Enterprise Community Partners, DC Government

Others: affordable housing, green jobs, and environmental nonprofit organizations; local governments, construction industry;



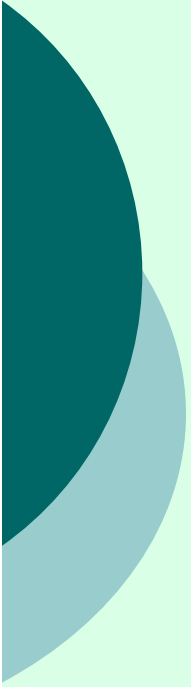
# greenSPACE

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greenSPACE will unite and leverage the expertise and resources of building professionals, governments, environmental groups, product manufacturers, trade associations, economic development organizations and funders to lead the region to green development







## What does it mean to endorse greenSPACE?

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- Provide support for successful implementation of local government green building requirements
- Provide much needed education and training to green building professionals to assist the transition to green development

# Recommendation

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- Adopt Resolution R58-08 to support ongoing green building efforts
  - Explore formal participation in **greenSPACE** through IGBG
  - Transmit letter of interest to GreenHome