



Cobb County Property Management Department

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Add-on Item

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PURPOSE

To adopt a Green Building Policy concerning the construction and renovation of County buildings.

BACKGROUND

Cobb County has demonstrated leadership in a variety of environmental issues including the recent water conservation efforts applied to all County facilities. The next step is to ensure where feasible, that all renovations of existing buildings and construction of new buildings be based on a sustainable design utilizing environmental standards established by the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED™) Green Building Rating System and Certification. This rating system includes prerequisites and credits in five categories: Improving energy efficiency, embracing indoor environmental quality, conserving materials and resources, sustainable site planning, and safeguarding water. Based on meeting established criteria, a rating of Certified, Silver, Gold, or Platinum may be achieved.

A presentation was made to the Board earlier today to acquaint the Board regarding LEED Green Building certification and the proposed policy.

The Cobb County Green Building Policy:

All new construction and renovation of occupied county buildings, 5000 square feet or more, where feasible shall be designed and built to achieve LEED™ certification. Other construction and renovations less than 5000 square feet may also be considered where appropriate. The Green Building Policy shall require a payback of no more than ten years

for projects designed to the LEED™ standard. County staff shall recommend to the Board of Commissioners which level of LEED™ certification is appropriate for the particular project based on sustainability and life cycle cost analysis. Where no level of certification is feasible, then the project design and construction shall include as many measures as possible based on the LEED™ Checklist.

FUNDING

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Commissioners adopts the Cobb County Breen Building Policy for construction and renovation of County buildings.