

Green Building

Measure 3 – Government Energy Star/EarthCraft Policy

5 Points

Require new buildings constructed and owned by the local jurisdiction to be certified EnergyStar® or EarthCraft™ Light Commercial.

Discussion:

In 2008 the Cobb County Board of Commissioners passed a Green Buildings Policy requiring LEED™ certification for building construction or renovation of projects over 5,000 sq. feet. On February 24, 2009 the Board amended the Green Buildings Policy to require the EnergyStar rating be achieved for buildings less than 5,000 sq. ft., or which otherwise do not achieve LEED certification. This directive was included in a comprehensive Cobb County Sustainability Practices Policy that requires the construction and operations of county facilities to be environmentally sensitive and sustainable.

Cobb County is an EnergyStar government partner and will begin pursuing certification of new construction as projects present themselves.

Documentation:

The following documentation is enclosed with this application. Both the referenced documents below are included under Measure 1 – LEED Construction.

- The Cobb County Sustainability Practices Policy that includes the requirement to pursue EnergyStar® certification of new buildings that are not LEED™ certified. See Item I-B.
- The Board of Commissioners agenda item of February 24, 2009 adopting the Policy