



UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the date:

Chapter Member Retreat

September 12-13, 2008

Location and schedule TBD.

More information coming soon!

Anyone can join:

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Montana chapter at

www.USGBC.org, click on

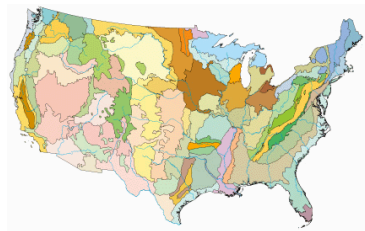
"Chapters", "Join a Chapter" and

search for MT. Find more

information about membership

and benefits on the USGBC

website: ["About Membership"](#)



Regionalism task force:

The USGBC is moving quickly to include some regional credits in the upcoming version of LEED 2009. Each chapter has been asked to develop a map of their area divided into "environmental zones" and identify 6 LEED credits per zone that should be considered for regional LEED points.

If you are interested in helping with this task force, please email the chapter to get involved. The first assignment, described above, is due July 29th.

Montana Chapter Welcomes 5 new Committees:

Education, Events & Programming

Chair: TBD (We are looking for a volunteer who would like to help plan and organize chapter activities! If you are interested in helping or leading this committee, please contact us at montana@chapters.usgbc.org)

Mission: Engage chapter members and the public in a wide variety of local events by organizing year round chapter activities, educational programs, and social gatherings.

**Currently we are planning a Chapter retreat for September, which will include an annual Membership meeting, educational sessions, and fun social and/or recreational activities. If you would like to be involved, please contact Souther, souther@kljeng.com. If you are interested in attending, stay tuned!*

Residential Green Building

Chair: Casey Dudley

Mission: Encourage market transformation of Residential Green Building in Montana by supporting and educating residential builders about the range of available Residential Green Rating Programs (including, *but not limited to*: LEED for Homes). Build effective partnerships in the residential market towards green building through outreach, networking, educating, and identifying policy change that supports RGB.

Green Schools

Chair: Wendy Weaver

Mission: Transform schools into healthy sustainable learning centers where students and staff thrive. Encourage green building practices in new and existing schools. Children and teachers can improve productivity and learning in a clean and healthy environment while saving money on energy and utility costs. Goals include: Consider LEED for Schools (or other green tools or measurement) on new schools and renovations of existing schools to make them more energy efficient; Educate teachers and staff on benefits of green and sustainable schools and support policy change for energy efficient schools in Montana.

Advocacy

Chair: Brian Solan

Mission: Raise public awareness of high performance/sustainable buildings and provide support for

these types of projects to local governments, institutions, public & private sector entities and the general public. The committee also supports legislative initiatives that provide opportunities and incentives for green building and the development of sustainable projects.

Energy Analysis & Technology

Chair: Philip Kedrowski

Mission: Energy conservation, renewable energy technologies, and efficient building shell, mechanical, and electrical design are primary areas where green principles can have a huge impact. High performance building systems provide great environmental returns through the reduction of fossil fuel use and lower green house gas emissions. They can also provide great financial returns with reduced recurring cost of operating buildings. In addition, there are several state and federal tax incentives for pursuing energy efficient building technologies. The USGBC Montana Chapter has chartered the Energy Analysis, Technology, & Policy Committee in order to create a forum where building professionals in Montana can share their expertise in these areas.

Get involved in a committee!

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