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Re: Statement of practice - LEED Silver or equivalent in new construction and significant renovation

It is the practice of Smith College Facilities Management and the Capital Projects group to specify that all new construction and significant renovation qualify for LEED silver certification or better.

After Smith College President Carol Christ signed the American College and University President’s Climate Commitment in November 2007, Smith College committed that all new campus construction be built to at least the U.S. Green Building Council’s LEED Silver standard or equivalent. Since the adoption of this practice Smith has completed the construction of Ford Hall (LEED Gold), the Bechtel Environmental Classroom (certified Living Building), the Nancy and Henry Schacht Center for Health and Wellness (LEED Silver equivalent), Paradise Road apartments (projected LEED Gold certification), and the renovation of Cutter-Ziskind House (projected LEED Silver certification).

Sincerely,

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