

Why Green Building?

The act of building has a significant effect on our collective environment. During the construction process, resources are consumed, the natural environment is altered and ecological systems are affected. Green building practices promote the construction of buildings that are healthier for both occupants and the environment. Sustainable or “green” building practices can reduce the significant impact that building design, construction and maintenance have on both people and the environment.

Bonita Springs is committed to building green. As part of our sustainability strategy, the City adopted Ordinance No. 15-19 creating a certification based “green building” program with incentives to promote green building practices in both the public and private sector. To lead by example, the City now requires all new government buildings and major renovation to meet the standards of the Florida Green Building Coalition Silver certification. The green building program is voluntary for all others.



Bonita Springs is an environmentally conscious city that values our relationship with the natural environment by providing efficient government operations, practices and infrastructure to reduce our overall impact on the collective environment.

Want more information? Contact us:

Green Building Program
Community Development
Phone: 239-444-6150

<http://cityofbonitaspringscd.org/building-general/bonita-green/>

Voluntary Green Building Incentive Program



Bonita Springs IS GREEN

A decorative graphic of green leaves and a vine, positioned below the text "IS GREEN".

Benefits of Building Green

Green building practices can be integrated into buildings at any stage, from design and construction to renovation and deconstruction. However, the most significant benefits can be obtained if the design and construction team takes an integrated approach from the earliest stages of a building project. Potential benefits of green building can include:

Economic

- Reduce operating costs
- Optimizes life-cycle economic performance
- Improves occupant productivity
- Spurs economic development
- Creates market for green products and services
- Incentives for green building projects

Social

- Enhance occupant comfort and health
- Heighten aesthetic qualities
- Minimize strain on local infrastructure
- Improves quality of life
- Builds community

Environmental

- Enhance and protect ecosystems
- Improve air and water quality
- Reduce waste streams
- Conserve and restore natural resources

Resource: <http://archive.epa.gov/greenbuilding/web/html/whybuild.html>



City Incentives to Build Green

- ◇ Fast Track Development Review
- ◇ Priority Status
- ◇ Recognition and Marketing
- ◇ Green Building Awards

City Permit Fee Rebates

- ◇ **\$300** for new residential construction/remodel
- ◇ **\$300** for new affordable housing/remodel
- ◇ **\$1,000** for new commercial/remodel
- ◇ **\$2,500** for green development projects

Build Green—Save Green

Certification Programs

- ◇ The Florida Green Building Coalition
- ◇ U.S. Green Building Coalition
- ◇ Energy Star

