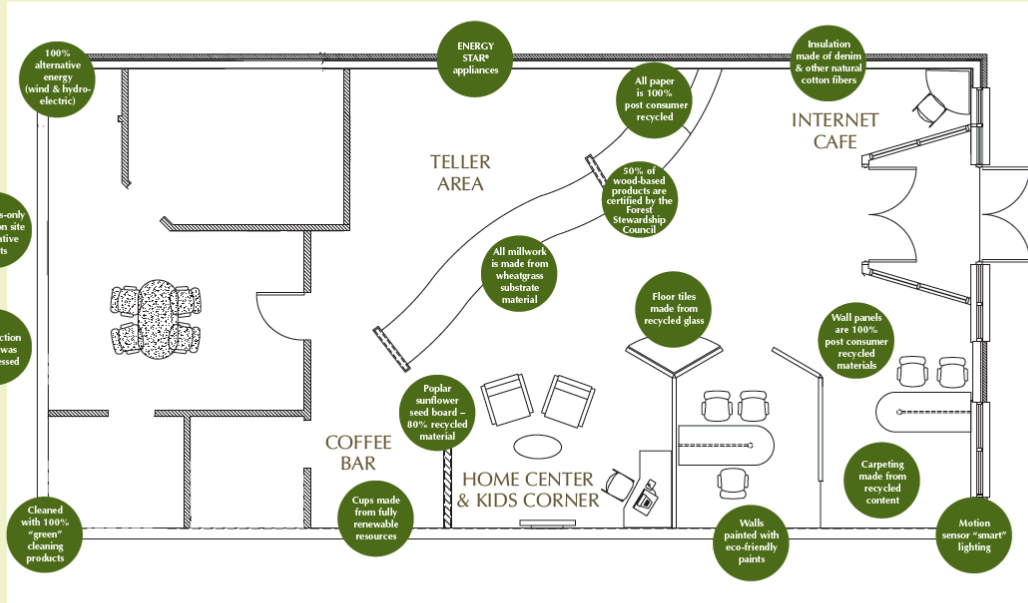


Introducing our first green branch!

The same great service, with the addition of these eco-friendly enhancements:



Local Financial Institution Goes Green, first in State to Receive LEED Certification

Architects: Bianco Giolitto Weston Architects LLC

Meriden—Seasons Federal Credit Union (SFCU) is the first financial institution in Connecticut to receive LEED® Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC)®. Seasons received word late Wednesday afternoon that their Meriden Branch, located at 1371 East Main Street had been approved in the LEED Commercial Interiors category. LEED is the USGBC's leading rating system for designing and constructing the world's greenest, most energy efficient buildings.

"We are so proud to be the first Financial Institution in Connecticut to be LEED Certified, and we are committed to continuing making environmental awareness a way of life at Seasons FCU", said Board Chairperson Christine Gerritt.

The minimum number of LEED credits needed to receive LEED certification in Commercial Interiors is 21. Seasons Federal Credit Union's Meriden Office received 24 credits for LEED Certification. SFCU's Meriden Branch was designed by Solidus in conjunction with Bianco Giolitto and Weston Architects, LLC. The Branch was designed to achieve LEED certification for energy use, lighting, water and material use as well as to incorporate a variety of other sustainable strategies. LEED verifies environmental performance, occupant health, and financial return. LEED was established for market leaders to design and construct buildings that protect and save precious resources while also making good economic sense.

"Seasons Federal Credit Union's LEED Certification demonstrates tremendous green building leadership," said Rick Fedrizzi, President, CEO and Founding Chair U.S. Green Building Council. "The urgency of USGBC's mission has challenged the industry to move faster and reach further than ever before, and Seasons Federal Credit Union serves as a prime example with just how much we can accomplish."

LEED Certification of Seasons Federal Credit Union's Meriden Branch was based on a number of green design and construction features that positively impact the project itself and the broader community. Some features include:

- Forest Stewardship Council approved doors
- Motion-Sensor Lighting
- Energy Efficient Heating and Cooling (which saves 30% on energy costs)
- Multiple Thermostats for Occupant Control
- No Harmful Chemicals in the Air Conditioning System
- Natural Fiber Insulation
- Higher level of "fresh air" in HVAC system
- A "flush" of the building prior to occupancy to eliminate construction odors
- Eco-Friendly, Low VOC paints
- Flooring made from 70% Post-Consumer Recycled Material
- Designated Car Pool Parking
- Wall Panels made from 100% Post Consumer Recycled Materials
- Energy Star® Appliances

Seasons Federal Credit Union has taken their green initiative from the Meriden Branch organization wide. Every Seasons Employee chose a minimum of one "green" thing to change in their daily lives to minimize their environmental impact. VP of Lending, Alan Schumann installed a timer in his bathroom to

encourage his teenagers to take shorter showers. Training Specialist, Tim Shore committed to riding his bike to work at least three times a week. Other employees committed to carpooling, using green cleaning products in their home, and line drying clothes in the summer months.

“At Seasons, we believe in doing the right thing,” says CEO Keith Wiemert, “and to us doing the right thing expands beyond just our members’ finances into their lives and their communities.”

Seasons Federal Credit Union has been providing a financial alternative to Middlesex County for over 70 years. Any individual who lives in, works, worships, attends school or volunteers in the following towns: Meriden, Wallingford, Cheshire, North Haven, East Haven, Branford, North Branford, Guilford, Madison, and all of Middlesex County is eligible to join Seasons Federal Credit Union. The credit union is a full service financial facility with offices located in Cromwell, Middletown, and Meriden. The National Credit Union Administration federally insures all deposits up to \$250,000.

About the U.S. Green Building Council

The U.S. Green Building Council is a nonprofit membership organization whose vision is a sustainable built environment within a generation. Its membership includes corporations, builders, universities, government agencies, and other nonprofit organizations. Since UGSBC’s founding in 1993, the Council has grown to more than 17,000 member companies and organizations, a comprehensive family of LEED® green building rating systems, an expansive educational offering, the industry’s popular Greenbuild International Conference and Expo (www.greenbuildexpo.org), and a network of 78 local chapters, affiliates, and organizing groups. For more information, visit www.usgbc.org.

About LEED®

The LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Building Rating System™ is a feature-oriented rating system that awards buildings points for satisfying specified green building criteria. The six major environmental categories of review include: Sustainable Sites, Water Efficiency, Energy and Atmosphere, Materials and Resources, Indoor Environmental Quality and Innovation and Design. Certified, Silver, Gold, and Platinum levels of LEED green building certification are awarded based on the total number of points earned within each LEED category. LEED can be applied to all building types including new construction, commercial interiors, core & shell developments, existing buildings, homes, neighborhood developments, schools and retail facilities. LEED for Healthcare is currently under development and is expected to be released in early 2008.