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Gold & Silver LEED Certifications Awarded to Community Facilities in East Oakland

Oakland, CA – Oakland Public Works Agency is proud to announce its most recent Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) award from the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) for two building projects that the Department of Engineering & Construction managed and completed last year. These two certifications are the fourth and fifth LEED awards that the Public Works Agency has brought home to Oakland since the City adopted its Green Building Ordinance.

The Oakland Public Library's 81st Avenue East Oakland Community Library, which opened in January 2011, has been awarded Gold LEED Certification for incorporating design elements that demonstrate environmental stewardship. The branch library was designed by Group 4 Architecture to be "Green from the Ground Up" in accordance with the City of Oakland's Civic Green Building Ordinance. The design for the building and its site, including landscaping, incorporates sustainable design elements that provide high energy efficiency, abundant natural daylight, reduced water consumption and improved indoor air quality. The Gold certification is the second highest LEED rating possible, after Platinum.

The state-of-the-art 21,000 square foot, two-story library is the City's largest branch library (after the Main Library), the first new library constructed since 1996 and the first joint-use library designed to serve both the general public and two public elementary schools with which it shares a campus in East Oakland. The library provides separate spaces for adults, teens and children and includes a computer lab, children's classroom, story time reading area, quiet study rooms, community meeting room, café and support areas. For more information, visit the facility's [website](#).

The new East Oakland Sports Center has achieved the LEED Silver certification. The 25,000 square foot East Oakland Sports Center, located at 9161 Edes Avenue, offers a wide variety of year-round recreation programs emphasizing health, wellness and fitness that are available to all ages. The building includes a large indoor recreational swimming pool with a slide, a fitness room with a variety of exercise machines and weights, a large wood floored dance studio, a multi-purpose room, pool party room, locker/changing rooms, meeting rooms and offices. The large glass walls provide natural light indoors, solar panels heat the pool water, and bioswales treat the storm water runoff. Many of the building products are comprised of low emitting and recycled materials and it is located close to public transportation. To find out more about this unique facility, visit their [website](#).

LEED certification provides independent, third-party verification that a building was designed and built using strategies focused on achieving high performance in key areas of human and environmental health, sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality. This certification is another example of Oakland's movement toward overall sustainability.

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