



# VIRGINIA

## USGBC VIRGINIA COMMUNITY LEADER PROJECT AWARDS

### 2022 Call for Nominations

*Note: This Call for Nominations is for Project Awards. If you would like to nominate an individual or organization for one of our Green Leader Awards, please see the appropriate Call for Nominations [on our website](#).*

#### **USGBC Virginia is now accepting nominations for their 2022 Community Leader Project Awards.**

These prestigious awards celebrate excellence in high-performance, healthy design and building, environmental stewardship, and community impact, and serve to highlight the green building initiatives of USGBC Virginia community projects, businesses and local members. They recognize building owners and project teams for their extra effort to accomplish LEED certification for their buildings, and they honor the people who are working to create better buildings and better lives for all in the state of Maryland.

Award winners will be announced at our annual statewide Community Leader Award Celebration, which will take place digitally on November 16.

#### **Requirements**

**Project teams with buildings that received a LEED certification between January 1, 2020, and September 16, 2022, may apply for consideration in the categories below.** Projects must be located in USGBC Virginia community territory (see map below). Projects that have won a USGBC Virginia Community Leader Award in 2020 or 2021 are not eligible to apply in the category that they previously won, but are welcome to apply in another category.

There is a \$50 application fee for USGBC Virginia project awards, which should be paid via [this website](#). Use the password *VAAwards22* to access the page. Applications will not be considered complete until the fee is paid.

**Application deadline: September 20, 2022, at 5 pm ET\***

***\*Note on deadline extensions: For an additional \$50 fee, project award applicants may take an extra week to submit their application. The extended deadline closes September 27, 2022, at 5 pm ET. NO ADDITIONAL DEADLINE EXTENSIONS WILL BE MADE.***

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## Categories

- **Innovative Project, New Construction:** For LEED certified BD+C projects that demonstrate use of new technologies and strategies to push the envelope of green design and meet project challenges in an innovative way.
- **Innovative Project, Interiors:** For LEED certified ID+C projects that demonstrate use of new technologies and strategies to push the envelope of green design and meet project challenges in an innovative way.
- **Innovative Project, Existing Building Performance:** For LEED certified Existing Buildings Operations and Maintenance projects that demonstrate significant achievements in building performance or occupant satisfaction through the implementation of healthy and sustainable operations and maintenance solutions, policies, practices and technologies.
- **Innovative Project, Residential:** For LEED certified residential projects (inclusive of single-family homes and low/mid/high-rise multifamily or mixed-use projects) that demonstrate use of new technologies and strategies to push the envelope of green design and meet project challenges in an innovative way.
- **Innovative Project, Health and Wellness in the Built Environment:** For projects that have demonstrated advanced commitment to health and wellness in the built environment. Projects must be certified under the LEED or WELL rating systems or utilizing Arc Re-entry to apply in this category.
- **Climate Champion:** For LEED or LEED Zero certified projects that demonstrate advanced design solutions or approaches to addressing climate change through carbon tracking and reduction technologies and/or strategies. Examples include achieving LEED Zero Energy or Carbon, achievement of LEED LCA credits, or otherwise demonstrating carbon savings in operations through the Arc platform.
- **Green Schools Award:** For a LEED certified K-12 school OR certified higher education building that demonstrates sustainable leadership in design, facility operations, and student & community engagement.
- **Rise to the Challenge Award:** For existing building projects that overcame significant obstacles to major building renovations, or otherwise implemented innovative technologies or operating strategies. Challenges may have included renovating affordable housing projects, historic preservation, large or campus scale projects, or community owned projects that had significant limitations (cost or other). *Projects eligible in this are certified under LEED OR any GBCI third party green building rating system, such as: SITES (Sustainable Sites Initiative), PEER, TRUE or Parksmart, OR are utilizing Arc for performance tracking without certification.*
- **Judges' Choice Award:** This award may be given at the discretion of our judging panel to a project deserving special recognition for demonstrating exception performance or community impact. All submitted projects are eligible for this award, which cannot be individually applied for. Projects recognized in this category cannot win in any other category, with exception of the People's Choice award.
- **People's Choice Award:** All projects that apply for a USGBC Virginia Community Leader Award are automatically in the running for our 2022 USGBC Virginia People's Choice Award, which will be decided by a virtual vote at our online Community Leader Award Celebration on November 16. **To maximize your chances of winning the People's Choice Award, you should update your [USGBC.org project profile](#) by October 16.** Directions on how to update your project profile can be found [here](#). Note the process can take 8-10 business days, so we invite you to submit your updates as soon as possible.

**[APPLY FOR A USGBC VA COMMUNITY LEADER PROJECT AWARD](#)**

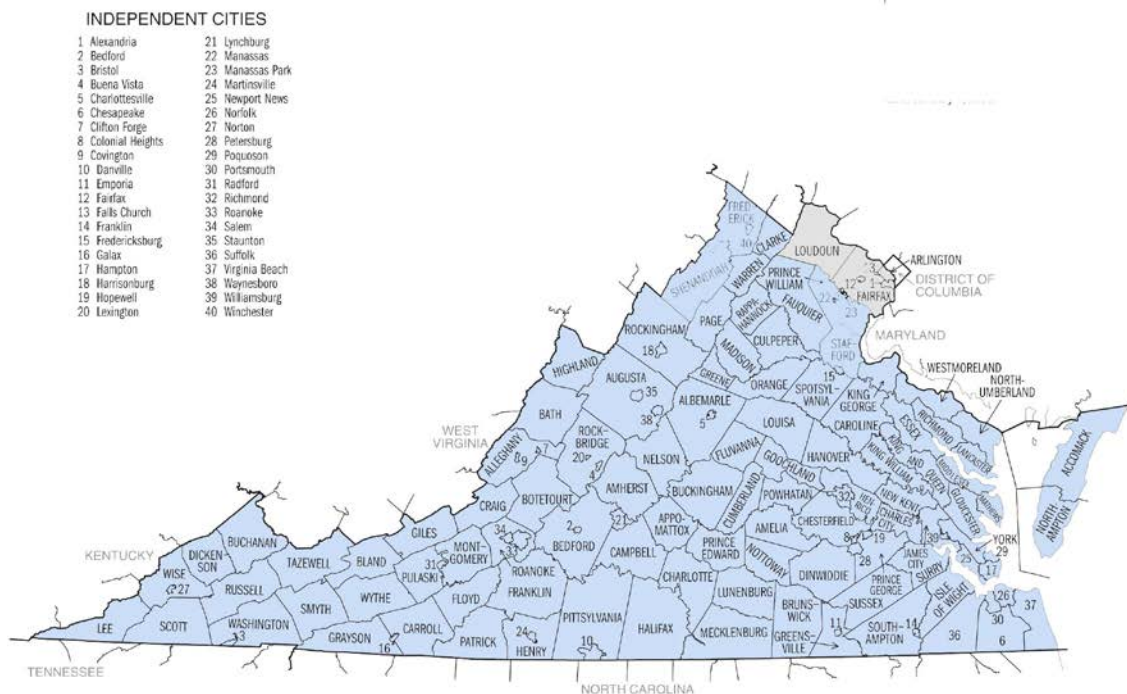
**Nominations are due by September 20, 2022 at 5 pm ET.** Qualified applications will be reviewed by a panel of USGBC members and green building experts. Project Award finalists will be notified by mid-October and award winners will be announced and honored at the statewide USGBC Virginia Community Leader Awards Celebration, which will take place online on November 16.

For more information about USGBC Virginia please visit the USGBC Virginia website at <http://usgbc.org/usgbc-virginia>. For more information on our awards celebration, visit our event website at <https://www.usgbcvaawards.org/>. For questions about the awards nomination process, please contact Jennie Wellman-Andryuk at [jwellman@usgbc.org](mailto:jwellman@usgbc.org).

### **USGBC Virginia Community Territory Map**

Projects qualify for USGBC’s Community Leader Awards based on where the projects are located. It does not matter where the owner or nominating company is headquartered.

The USGBC Virginia territory is indicated in blue on the map below. Please note that Loudoun, Fairfax, and Arlington Counties are part of the USGBC National Capital Region. Individuals and organizations located in these counties should apply for a USGBC NCR Community Leader Award. The USGBC NCR Awards process has already passed for 2022. Sign up for [the USGBC NCR newsletter](#) to be notified when that call opens in 2023, or watch for an announcement [here](#). If you have questions regarding the USGBC Virginia territory, contact Jennie Wellman-Andryuk ([jwellman@usgbc.org](mailto:jwellman@usgbc.org)).



**Application Question Preview – [please apply online](#) by September 20, 2022.**

**NOTE: ALL AWARD CATEGORIES REQUIRE PROJECT IMAGES.** You may submit up to **SIX IMAGES** total. The second page of the application will allow you to upload your images as six different files of up to 10 MB each. You may choose to combine images into a single file, as long as it is under the 10 MB limit. If your file contains multiple images, each image counts as one. Please do not submit large portfolios or marketing brochures. Only six images will be passed on to the judges.

Files may be PDFs, PNGs, or JPEGs. Captions are allowed by not required. Images will be shared electronically with the judges. There are no resolution requirements.

**Innovative Project – New Construction, Interiors, Existing Building Performance, and Residential**

- Link to your project's listing on USGBC.org - available at <http://www.usgbc.org/projects>
- List the organizations involved in the project team and their role.
- Provide a brief description of the project scope and goals. (200 word limit)
- Share a list of sustainable strategies used in the project, and why they were selected (300 word limit)
- List any challenges faced by the project team, and how they were addressed. (300 word limit)
- Provide any available performance data (energy usage, cost savings, energy model results, waste diversion rates, water usage rates, IEQ information, etc.) that demonstrates success of the strategies and systems used. (500 word limit) On the next page, you will be able to upload supporting documentation.

**Innovative Project – Health and Wellness in the Built Environment**

- Link to your project's listing on USGBC.org - available at <http://www.usgbc.org/projects> – and/or WELL scorecard and/or Arc project number
- List the organizations involved in the project team and their role.
- Provide a brief description of the project scope and goals. (200 word limit)
- Share a list of strategies used to promote sustainability, health and wellness in the project, and why they were selected. (300 word limit)
- List any challenges faced by the project team, and how they were addressed. (300 word limit)
- Provide any available performance data (energy usage, cost savings, energy model results, waste diversion rates, water usage rates, IEQ information, etc.) that demonstrates success of the strategies and systems used. (500 word limit) On the next page, you will be able to upload supporting documentation.

**Climate Champion:**

- Link to your project's listing on USGBC.org - available at <http://www.usgbc.org/projects> – and/or Arc project number
- List the organizations involved in the project team and their role.
- Provide a brief description of the project scope and goals. (200 word limit)
- Share a list of LEED credits pursued or carbon reduction sustainable strategies used in the project, and why they were selected. (300 word limit)
- List any challenges faced by the project team, and how they were addressed. (300 word limit)
- Provide any available performance data (energy usage, cost savings, energy model results, waste diversion rates, water usage rates, IEQ information, etc.) that demonstrates success of the strategies and systems used. (500 word limit) On the next page, you will be able to upload supporting documentation.

**Green Schools Award:**

- Link to your project's listing on USGBC.org - available at <http://www.usgbc.org/projects>
- List the organizations involved in the project team and their role.

- Provide a brief description of the project scope and goals. (200 word limit)
- Share a list of sustainable strategies used in the project, and why they were selected. Explain how students, staff, and the greater school community are engaged in these strategies. (300 word limit)
- List any challenges faced by the project team, and how they were addressed. (300 word limit)
- Provide any available performance data (energy usage, cost savings, energy model results, waste diversion rates, water usage rates, IEQ information, etc.) that demonstrates success of the strategies and systems used. (500 word limit) On the next page, you will be able to upload supporting documentation.
- Include information as to how students and the greater school community access and utilize the performance data described above, if applicable. (100 word limit)

Rise to the Challenge Award:

- Link to your project's listing on USGBC.org - available at <http://www.usgbc.org/projects> – and/or Arc project number and/or other GBCI third party rating system equivalent as available
- List the organizations involved in the project team and their role.
- Provide a brief description of the project scope and goals. (200 word limit)
- Share a list of sustainable strategies used in the project, and why they were selected. (300 word limit)
- List any challenges faced by the project team, and how they were addressed. (300 word limit)
- Provide any available performance data (energy usage, cost savings, energy model results, waste diversion rates, water usage rates, IEQ information, etc.) that demonstrates success of the strategies and systems used. (500 word limit) On the next page, you will be able to upload supporting documentation.

**Please contact Jennifer Wellman-Andryuk ([jwellman@usgbc.org](mailto:jwellman@usgbc.org)) with questions.**