



VIRGINIA

USGBC VIRGINIA COMMUNITY LEADER INDIVIDUAL & ORGANIZATIONAL AWARDS

2022 Call for Nominations

Note: This Call for Nominations is for Green Leader Awards, which recognize individuals or organizations. If you would like to nominate a project for one of our Project Awards, please see the appropriate Call for Nominations [on our website](#).

USGBC Virginia is now accepting nominations for their 2022 Community Leader 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.

Our Green Leader Awards recognize individuals and organizations that have gone above and beyond in support of USGBC and advancing green building in Virginia. These awards are given in multiple categories. Recipients are chosen by our USGBC Virginia Market Leadership Advisory Board. Award recipients will be honored at our annual statewide Community Leader Award Celebration, which will take place digitally on November 16.

Requirements

Green Leader Awards recognize contributions that have impacted the USGBC Virginia community territory (see map below). Individuals or organizations that have won a USGBC Virginia award in 2020 or 2021 are not eligible to be nominated in the category that they previously won, but are welcome to apply in another category. There is no application fee for Green Leader Awards.

The individual completing the nomination form must be an individual member of the USGBC Virginia community, an employee of a USGBC Virginia annual partner company, or an employee of a USGBC member company. Additional, award-specific requirements can be found in the category descriptions below.

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

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Submission Requirements

For all awards below, applicants must complete [an online form](#) and submit a narrative of no more than two pages in length addressing the nominees qualifications for the award-category based on its description below. Images are not required, but you may upload up to six images. Images embedded in a narrative do not count towards the narrative's length.

Award Categories

- **Green Leader: Volunteer Leadership:** USGBC Virginia's Green Leader: Volunteer Leadership Award recognizes an outstanding individual in our community for their passion and stewardship of USGBC's mission in Virginia. Members who have made outstanding commitments through their personnel time and energy, community connections, or other support to USGBC Virginia are candidates for this award.

Individuals in the USGBC Virginia region who are active local USGBC community members at the time of submission are eligible to be nominated for this award.

- **Green Leader: Sustainable Business/Organization of the Year:** Beyond the built environment, sustainability is advanced and supported by organizations which demonstrate an advanced commitment to sustainability in their ongoing business or organizational practices. USGBC Virginia would like to recognize businesses and civil society organizations in our region which have demonstrated an unusually high, innovative, or influential level of commitment to sustainability throughout their business practice—outside of that which could be perceived as their primary business or mission focus. These organizations may do exhaustive Corporate Sustainability Reporting, have an excellent GRESB assessment, pursue a net zero carbon campus, infuse their mentorship programs or daily operations with sustainability education, training, or outreach, or will otherwise advance sustainability above, beyond, and outside of what would be necessary and expected for their primary business goals.

Nominees for this award must be either headquartered or have had a substantial impact in the USGBC Virginia territory. Nominees must be either USGBC Virginia annual partners or USGBC members.

- **Green Leader: Excellence in Government, Advocacy, or Policy:** Advocacy plays an important role in who we are and what we do. Successful, game-changing advocacy starts at the local level. Applicants for this award can be either individuals or organizations that have worked to bring about real and meaningful change through local codes, positions in local government and enforcement bodies (city, county, HOAs, etc), work in or with local schools, the collection and meaningful utilization of key building performance data. Applicants should demonstrate, in their application, their substantial contributions in one or more of the following areas:
 - Leadership with LEED – encouraging the use of LEED rating systems by their incorporation into public policies, and/or providing incentives and rewards that reflect the outcomes the policy intends to yield.
 - Improving general sustainability or health in the built environment – creating meaningful, substantive change in the policy or governance of local communities to improve, or improve access to, the sustainability and health of the built environment.

- Improving Energy Data Access – directly engaging with local utilities and state regulatory commissions to facilitate greater data accessibility; advancing federal, state and local policies and programs that promote data accessibility; educating federal agencies, administration officials, members of Congress, state regulatory commissioners and utilities on data accessibility best practices; or partnering with public policy groups and associations in the utility sector to further our mission.
- Mainstreaming Building Benchmarking – advancing for policies at the state and local levels that would require benchmarking performance data in buildings.
- Greening our Schools – providing resources, education, training, or advocacy support for the adoption of greener building practices by K-12 schools, particularly those serving lower-income families, under-resourced institutions and community colleges.
- Improving Housing – providing resources, education, training, or advocacy support for the adoption of greener building practices by housing finance authorities, public housing authorities and the projects that they fund.
- Building Better Codes – working in or with local, state, or federal building departments or agencies to adopt green codes, such as the International Green Construction Code, ASHRAE Standard 189.1, or similar.

Nominees for this award can be public or private organizations or individuals in the USGBC Virginia region. Nomination must come from an individual who is a local member of USGBC Virginia, an employee of a USGBC Virginia annual partner, or an employee of a USGBC member company.

APPLY FOR A USGBC VA GREEN LEADER 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 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.

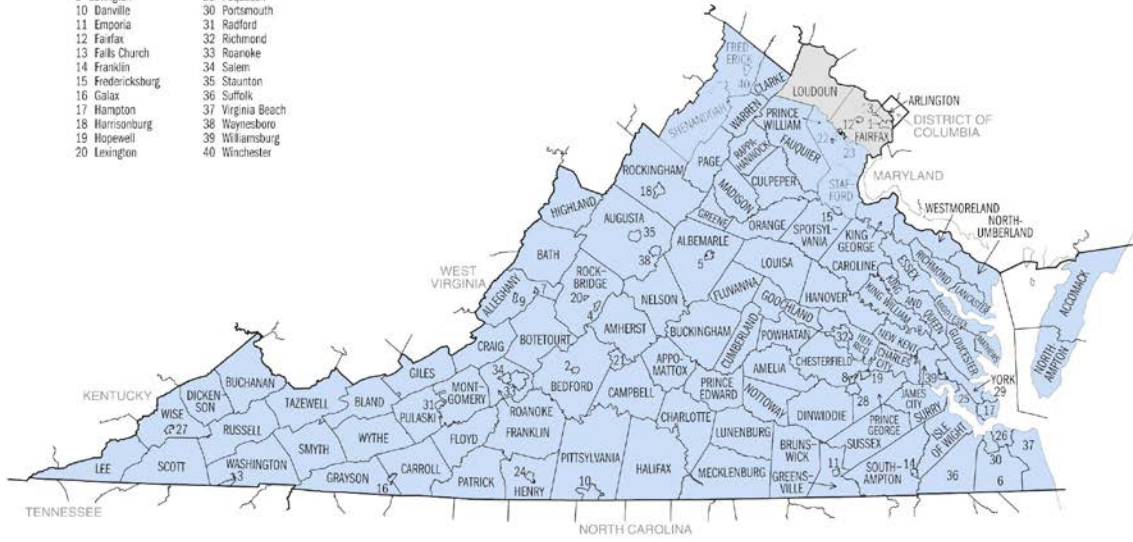
USGBC Virginia Community Territory Map

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).

INDEPENDENT CITIES

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| 1 Alexandria | 21 Lynchburg |
| 2 Bedford | 22 Manassas |
| 3 Bristol | 23 Manassas Park |
| 4 Buena Vista | 24 Martinsville |
| 5 Charlottesville | 25 Newport News |
| 6 Chesapeake | 26 Norfolk |
| 7 Clifton Forge | 27 Norton |
| 8 Colonial Heights | 28 Petersburg |
| 9 Covington | 29 Poquoson |
| 10 Danville | 30 Portsmouth |
| 11 Emporia | 31 Radford |
| 12 Fairfax | 32 Richmond |
| 13 Falls Church | 33 Roanoke |
| 14 Franklin | 34 Salem |
| 15 Fredericksburg | 35 Staunton |
| 16 Galax | 36 Suffolk |
| 17 Hampton | 37 Virginia Beach |
| 18 Harrisonburg | 38 Waynesboro |
| 19 Hopewell | 39 Williamsburg |
| 20 Lexington | 40 Winchester |



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