



## Meriam Park Planning > LEED-ND

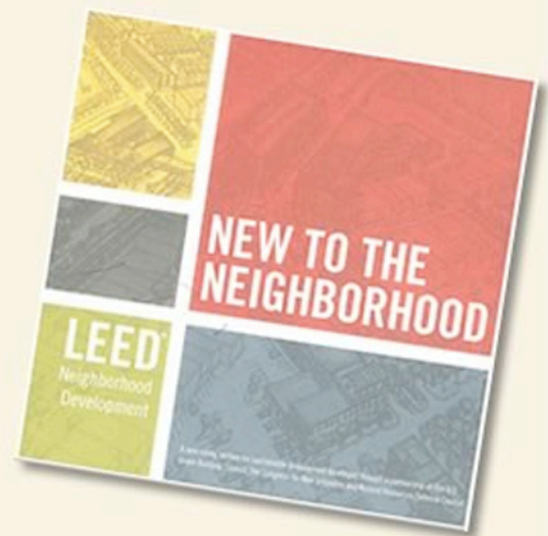
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The LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Building Rating System® was developed by the US Green Building Council (USGBC) as a national standard for developing high-performance, sustainable buildings. The USGBC has joined with the National Resources Defense Council (NRDC) and the Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU) to develop the LEED-Neighborhood Development standards. The LEED-ND rating system integrates the principles of smart growth, urbanism, and green building into the first national standard for neighborhood design and development.

LEED-ND criteria include:

- Compact design
- Proximity to transit
- Mixed-use
- Mixed housing type
- Pedestrian and bicycle-friendly design

Meriam Park is applying to participate in the pilot program for LEED-ND beginning in 2007. More information about LEED-ND can be found on the [US Green Building Council website](#).



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