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Get Hard Numbers on Green Designs: USGBC Launches The Green Building Information Gateway

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GBIG green house plans



If you're looking for real-life examples of the most cutting edge [green house plans](#) around, then you'll want to check out the US Green Building Council's newest creation: [The Green Building Information Gateway](#) or GBIG. Pulling together data from LEED-Certified and registered projects large and small, the database is the first of its kind to provide detailed information about sustainable building projects that

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anyone can access to obtain a better of understanding of what works, present-day challenges, and the latest technologies being employed in the field.

The GBIG lets you explore the projects listed in the database from a variety of perspectives depending on your interests. The following are the various categories:

- **Activities:** Look for projects based on the events or certifications they participate in, such as ENERGY STAR, LEED (US, Canada, India, etc), the Living Building Challenge, Green Ribbon Schools, and so forth. These can also be viewed along a timeline so that you can see the most recent projects in a category.
- **Buildings:** Explore individual buildings to see what steps they followed as they progressed and what green building standards they achieved when they were complete. You can even look at where they're located on a map, their walkability scores, zip code demographics, and more.
- **Places:** This category lets you explore various geographical regions – cities, towns, states or provinces, counties, countries, and more. Click on China, for instance, and you'll find out how many Activities, Buildings, and Collections exist in the country, how many LEED projects are finished or underway, a timeline of the activities related to green buildings, and much more.
- **Strategies:** If you're interested in a particular technology or building material, this is the category you'll want. For instance, you can explore building reuse concepts, brownfield redevelopments, indoor water use reduction strategies, daylighting designs, renewable energy schemes, occupant comfort information, and more.
- **Collections:** This category provides information on projects that share common themes, key indicators, or metrics so that you can compare them along various data points. Types of collections include space type, reports, utilities, technologies, and so on.



This new database is sure to provide many insights, whether you're looking to develop your own green house plans, you're an architect wanting to learn more about best practices in green building, or you're a policy maker interested in knowing what other cities are doing in the sustainability space. It's a fabulous resource you should not ignore.



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