Columbia, Missouri’s City Hall Addition is designed to attain a LEED Silver rating from the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) green rating system. The LEED rating system allows us to see our City Hall Addition’s immediate, measurable impact on key concerns like energy conservation, global climate change and occupant health.

The LEED Rating System requires points within categories for each level of certification. Some of the key categories that we are achieving points in are:

**Water Efficiency**
We estimate that we will use **43.7% less water** than if we had not built to LEED standards because we are using low-flow plumbing fixtures.

- Check out the green handle toilets. Lift up for a low-flush and push down for a regular flush.

**Energy & Atmosphere**
Building modeling shows that measures we have taken in our new building will result in **29% less energy** used than if we had built the addition with conventional building practices.

- Notice the occupancy sensors on the ceilings. These tell the lights if someone isn’t in a room and it shuts the lights off.

**Indoor Environmental Quality**
Some of the coolest features in the City Hall Addition are also the healthiest ones for the public and our employees. Most of the products in our building release no- or low-volatile organic compounds (VOCs) into the atmosphere – making the air cleaner to breathe.

- Breathe easier as you walk through the halls of the City Hall Addition because all of the paint being used is from Sherwin Williams’ low-VOC products line.

**Materials & Resources**
Recycled content materials divert materials from landfills to be used in building products. The City Hall Addition has many materials with recycled content and many that use rapidly renewable resources (RRR). RRRs are made from plants that are typically harvested within a 10-year cycle or shorter.

- Most of the materials have a “wow” factor – especially our concrete countertops that use recycled beer bottles in them! Also don’t forget to check out the recycled clear glass countertops at our information desk and 2nd floor reception desk.

- Also on the list of recycled materials are our bamboo ceiling tiles by the elevators, bamboo wall panels & casework throughout, woven grass wallpaper, natural linoleum, and so much more – just ask!