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### **LEED Certification for Northside Fire Station to be Presented at May 7 City Council Meeting**

*The recognition shows that the building was built with energy and environment in mind.*

MORGANTOWN – One City emergency response facility is being celebrated Tuesday evening for its green aspects.

The City has received LEED Certification for its Northside Fire Station, built in 2009. LEED stands for Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design.

“LEED Certification means that the building has met an industry standard set by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) for sustainable design and construction,” said Trevor Lloyd, Staff Engineer for the City of Morgantown.

The Northside Fire Station obtained “Certified Level” recognition for its total efforts in energy & environmental design. There are three more LEED Certification Levels: Silver, Gold, and Platinum.



Getting LEED Certified requires the collection of “points” in certain areas of construction and design, such as energy efficiency, water conservation, environmental impact, proximity to public transportation, and so on. For each area that a building excels in, as far as sustainability goes, points are earned.

“For example, construction waste that is collected and taken to a recycling facility will earn a certain amount of points. High insulation value in walls and ceilings will earn points as well. All the points earned are documented in a report and submitted to the USGBC for analysis and a certification is determined,” Lloyd said.

City staff says the building is uniquely green because it is actually three types of buildings under one roof. The truck bay functions as a utilitarian vehicle garage, the second floor is living quarters similar to a residential house, and the third floor is a training area similar to a standard office building. Energy consumption levels can be adjusted for each area, and that means less energy waste.

The combined efforts of City staff, City Management, and the Morgantown Green Team mean that residents can take pride in their government, and rest assured that it is working to create a more sustainable facility base.

“The benefit is that this LEED Certification proves to the Community that the City of Morgantown is committed to responsible and sustainable development using the latest energy efficient materials and construction techniques that were available to the project,” said Lloyd, who also acts as a liaison to the City’s Green Team.

LEED Certification carries a certain amount of clout, but it can be expensive to obtain.

“Since the Fire Station was built and obtained LEED Certification, WVU has remodeled two buildings that have earned LEED status,” Lloyd reports. “Beyond those, there have been many buildings in the City that have been built to LEED standards but the owners chose not to spend money on the LEED certification process and therefore do not carry the prestige that an official LEED certified building carries.”

The Official LEED Certification for the Northside Fire Station will be presented at the May 7 City Council meeting, held in Council Chambers at 389 Spruce Street at 7 p.m. The Agenda is available at [MorgantownWV.gov](http://MorgantownWV.gov).

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