



CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
 DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ZONING
GREEN BUILDING INITIATIVES

The Department of Planning & Zoning is currently leading the effort to update the City’s current Green Building Policy which was originally adopted in 2009. With the help of a Green Building Policy Update Task Force and an inter-departmental work group, draft recommendations for the Green Building Policy, and draft actions for the Green Building Chapter of the 2040 Environmental Action Plan (EAP) are now available for public comment.

Please share your thoughts and comments of the draft proposals on the provided comment cards. The 2019 Green Building Policy update and the 2040 Environmental Action Plan will be presented at public hearings to the Planning Commission on June 4 and City Council on June 15. **Visit alexandriava.gov/greenbuilding to provide additional comments online until May 15 and to review the progress of the Green Building Policy Update Task Force.**

GREEN BUILDING POLICY

BUILDING TYPE	2009 POLICY (CURRENT)	DRAFT 2019 POLICY	
	STANDARD	STANDARD	PRIORITIES
New Private Development	Residential Development: LEED Certified or equivalent Non-residential Development: LEED Silver or equivalent	LEED Silver -OR- 2 Green Globes -OR- Earthcraft Gold	Energy
New Public Development	LEED Silver or equivalent	LEED Gold -OR- 3 Green Globes -OR- Earthcraft TBD	Water
Existing Buildings	Historic Buildings: Preservation is a green building practice with sustainable materials and energy efficient systems supported for renovations.	Public Buildings: LEED O+M and ID+C guidelines Historic Buildings: Preservation is a green building practice with sustainable materials and energy efficient systems supported for renovations.	Indoor Environmental Quality

2040 ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PLAN

PROPOSED DRAFT ACTIONS for the Green Building Chapter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strive for net zero energy (NZE) schools and other public facilities. Establish a building performance monitoring program for new private development. Advocate for enhanced legislation to permit a Green Energy Construction Code. Establish incentive programs such as C-PACE or a Green Lease Leader program to encourage green building renovations in existing buildings. Evaluate the feasibility of Green Zoning incentives for passive design elements. Routinely update the Green Building Policy to stay current with third-party rating system standards and changes to the building code.