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2015 Emerald Award Winners
Nearly 500 sustainability leaders across a mix of industries in Illinois celebrated achievements in sustainability at the USGBC-Illinois 2015 Limelight fundraising gala and 10th Annual Emerald Awards. Held May 14th at the Museum of Broadcast Communications, the Emerald Awards showcased the best and brightest contributors to a more sustainably built environment, underscoring why Illinois is leading the nation in green building innovation. Throughout this publication you’ll discover the Emerald winners who received meritorious recognition for work that can inspire us all.
I joined the USGBC-Illinois Board of Directors in 2013 after running on a platform of expanding our work in existing buildings, intensifying our focus on building performance and environmental outcomes, and broadening the audience for sustainability best practices. Having served as the 2015 Board Chair of USGBC-Illinois, I feel great enthusiasm for the progress we have made in widening our reach in each of these areas.

Since our founding in 2002, we have advocated for green building design, construction, and operations through education, policy, and tools like LEED. This work has positioned Illinois with the national distinction of having the most LEED square footage per capita of any other state for three years running, and in the process we have built a large network of passionate, sustainability-minded professionals and experts.

In 2016, we plan to unveil an array of initiatives that goes even farther in bringing sustainability into all our neighborhoods – every nook and cranny. We plan to promote and support the implementation of no-regrets carbon drawdown strategies in Chicago’s neighborhoods, while at the same time fostering livability and resiliency. These initiatives will serve as a model we can then take to communities across Illinois and beyond. This work is both ambitious and necessary and, as always, will rely on the commitment and talent of our members and volunteers.

Regards,

Jenny Carney
2015 USGBC-Illinois Board Chair
YR&G
Every year, events like Green Apple Day of Service and the GreenBuilt Home Tour allow volunteers and members to give back to their community and apply their sustainability awareness.

“What in its fourth year, the 2015 Green Apple Day of Service represented 20 projects conceived and executed by students, their teachers, and industry mentors that helped introduce green-minded practices onto schools grounds. I particularly enjoyed the Smyth Elementary School project that my company hosted. Not only did we participate with the school, but we were able to work with local residents in their community garden. The annual Green Apple projects are particularly powerful because they can excite today’s youth and make them lifelong stewards for a cleaner, smarter, and more livable planet.”

Patricia Lloyd, LEED AP BD+C
Sustainability Manager, Leopardo Companies, Inc.
USGBC-Illinois member since 2007

Sarah E. Goode STEM Academy: Green Building Innovation award for the design team’s remarkable efforts to bring the first LEED Platinum rating to Chicago Public Schools. Innovative water management, passive solar systems, and a health-focused student environment set a high sustainability bar for K-12 schools.

Space to Grow: Greening Chicago’s Schoolyards – Chapter Mission award recognizing this diverse coalition of organizations transforming Chicago schoolyards into centers for play, outdoor environmental learning, engagement with art, and solutions finder to neighborhood flooding.
“The GreenBuilt Home Tour 2015 was our biggest tour yet. It was a true ‘show and tell’ hosted by homeowners and building community professionals committed to sustainable living. The two-day event showcased 16 homes across greater Chicagoland constructed or retrofitted by over 30 green professionals. Eighty USGBC-Illinois volunteers served as planners, docents, and tour support for over 2,000 home visitors exposed to the latest clean energy technology, best practices to achieve a results-driven green renovation or new home construction, and the opportunity to speak with green contractors answering questions on cost and attainable results.

Throughout the year, we highlighted other examples of smart home building including ‘NetZero Electric Rockford Home & Landscape Renovation: A 20-Year Sustainability Story’ and ‘Barrington’s White House: Where History and High Performance Meet’. Green homes are taking off as homeowners commit to making a difference.”

Sandra Henry, LEED AP
Senior Program Manager, Seventhwave
USGBC-Illinois member since 2008

Niles Township High School District 219 – Intent to Matter: Outstanding Organization award for their comprehensive plan to leverage green infrastructure to supercharge the achievement of every student, reduce its environmental footprint, and ensure the next generation of eco-conscious citizens.

UChicago Child Development Center – Stony Island: Green Building Innovation award for immersing children with the natural world and the built environment to provide discovery and sensory development.

50,000+
Views on greenbuilthometour.org
USGBC-Illinois continues to foster the leadership that has helped position Illinois as a green building leader – like having more LEED-certified square footage per capital than any other state.

“Developing leadership and fostering a diverse green building movement is the goal of our certification trainings, industry expert TED-style talks, and other education programs. In 2015, our impact was evident. There are now an estimated 10,250 LEED-certified professionals in Illinois. More than 3,700 individuals attended USGBC-Illinois events. For me, the most memorable event was our LEED Fellow Credential Blitz that brought dedicated green building practitioners together with Illinois’ seven LEED Fellows, recognized as the leaders in their respective industries for green building know-how.”

Jason Westrope, LEED AP BC+C, CRX
Principal, Development Management Associates (DMA), LLC
USGBC-Illinois member since 2006

“USGBC’s Emerging Professionals program has a marketing kicker that reads, ‘Grow Your Chapter–Grow Your Career–Grow Your Community’. Throughout the year, their programs and community engagement initiatives helped make that happen. For example, as part of the Chicago Community Trust’s ‘On the Table’ conversation, there were community leaders with young professionals passionate about sustainability coming together for a lively conversation on improving the quality of life for all in our community. That’s why I was happy to help share my story and provide leadership training focused on important skills needed to be effective advocates.”

Anil Ahuja, PE, RCDD, LEED BD+C, CxA
President, CCJM Engineers Ltd.
USGBC-Illinois member since 2014

Colin Rohlfing, Vice President and Sustainable Design Leader in HOK’s Chicago office – Intent to Matter: Individual Leadership award for his outstanding career to promote distinctive industry collaborations that move sustainable practices forward, transforming our built environment.

Method Products, PBC – Green Building Innovation award for the industry’s first LEED Platinum manufacturing facility in the historic Pullman community.
Our active partnerships, like the City of Chicago’s energy benchmarking program, allow us to stir more people, in more neighborhoods, to action including reducing carbon and saving water.

“With the help and support of other allied organizations, USGBC-Illinois staff and volunteers have helped the City of Chicago implement its energy benchmarking ordinance by providing 35 trainings for nearly 600 building owners, operators and engineers, and energy service professionals. We also held our first Chicago Data Jam where we shared best practices in data collection and use of Portfolio Manager with Chicago Housing Authority staff. Knowledge is power, and the bad economics of poor performing buildings is becoming clear to property owners. Building on our work this year is going to be exciting because we’ll be able to do even more outreach and engagement with building owners and operators on what can be done to improve their bottom line. A special thanks to Searle Funds at the Chicago Community Trust.”

Laci Hoskins, LEED AP ID+C
Director of Energy & Sustainability, CBRE
USGBC-Illinois member since 2012

“Each and every year, the Emerald Awards provides a snapshot on how we are doing in our sustainability efforts in Chicago and throughout the state of Illinois. I’m inspired by the accomplishments, learn from them, and am reminded how USGBC-Illinois helps guide green building principles towards a better future.”

Patrick Boyle, CSP, LEED GA
Director of Corporate Sustainability, Sloan
USGBC-Illinois member since 2012
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that improves our quality of life through green building.
## 2015 Financials

### Income

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<td>Memberships (Local and National)</td>
<td>$103,944</td>
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<td>Grants</td>
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<td>Sponsorship</td>
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<td>Event and Ticket Sales Income</td>
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### Expenses

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*awaiting audit
USGBC-Illinois Chapter members represent the entire spectrum of Illinois’ green building community.

- Architect 20%
- Engineer 15%
- Contractor/Builder 11%
- Professional and Trade Groups 4%
- Education/Schools 4%
- Building Products Manufacturer 8%
- Real Estate and Building Owners 7%
- Industry Consultant 6%
- Utilities 4%
- Government and Nonprofit 9%
- Residential Sector 4%
- Other 3%
Leaders

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