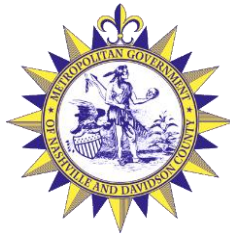


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Dear Honorable Members of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville & Davidson County Council:

In accordance with Section 16.60.110 of the Metropolitan Code, the Department of General Services (DGS) is providing its annual report describing the environmental performance of its LEED buildings.

In calendar year 2025, for the 24 high performance buildings reviewed, General Services saved more than 33.8 million kBtu of energy and avoided more than \$900,000 in energy costs versus non-LEED comparable buildings. 2025 was an anomalous year for LEED buildings' water usage, as they consumed ~5.8 million gallons of water more than non-LEED comparable buildings, accounting for an additional \$127,000 in water costs. Primary drivers include higher operational water use at some LEED buildings and leaks at some facilities. However, across time (2019-2025) water savings remain strong, totaling more than 14 million gallons saved and \$339,000 in associated costs avoided.

We invite you to access the online [High Performance Buildings Dashboard](#) for detailed information on General Services' LEED buildings for 2019-2025. (PDF reports for General Services buildings 2016-2022 remain available on the DGS website.)

This year, for the first time, the High Performance Buildings Dashboard incorporates LEED facilities not managed by DGS. This includes buildings operated by Metro Nashville Public Schools, Metro Parks and Recreation, Davidson County Sheriff's Office, and Nashville Public Library. Sixty facilities are now profiled in the dashboard, providing Metro Council – and the public – a more holistic view of the ongoing value of the city's LEED buildings.

Additional dashboard improvements have been made. Dashboard results have been updated to incorporate more stable non-LEED comparison buildings, yield more accurate water cost savings, and include the best available water data and facility square footage numbers. First, instead of comparing LEED facilities to a single non-LEED building as in past reports, composite buildings were created when possible, which average energy and water use across multiple non-LEED buildings of the same type. This change smooths out large fluctuations in savings due to anomalies, such as water leaks, at single non-LEED comparison sites. Second, the methodology for calculating water cost savings now reflects the average cost per gallon across all LEED buildings in a given year as multiplier. While this has led to reduced water cost savings overall, it is a more accurate estimate of avoided costs. Finally, square footage corrections and water data improvements were made. More detail on these changes is available in the dashboard's tooltips.

Since the last High Performance Building annual report, DGS has developed its [Renewable Portfolio Standard Tracker](#). The RPS Tracker shows progress toward Metro's Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard ([Section 2.32.080 of the Metropolitan Code](#)), enhancing transparency and accountability. As always, additional resources regarding the department's sustainability efforts are available on the Socket website: socket.nashville.gov.

We are grateful for the Metro Council's continuing commitment to sustainability and efficient use of resources. We welcome your feedback and questions.

Sincerely,

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