

Denver architect gets LEED certification
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Denver-based Ohlson Lavoie Collaborative has received gold certification from the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) for its design of the Washtenaw Community College Health & Fitness Center in Ann Arbor, Mich.

The fitness center, which opened in September, includes:

- Lights that turn on only when there's not enough daylight.
- Non-toxic and renewable materials for the floors and carpet.
- A reflective white roof to reduce heat and cooling requirements.
- Pavement in the parking lot that allows rainwater to soak back naturally into the soil.
- Landscaping with plants that require little or no irrigation.
- Interior pool water that recycles with the aid of appropriate filtering systems.
- Recaptured heat with a central boiler unit.
- Temperature control with room-monitoring sensors for automatic adjustments.