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## USGBC-STL Program: June 9 on Campus Greenhouse Gas Inventories

Don't forget to RSVP to [usgbc-stl@mobot.org](mailto:usgbc-stl@mobot.org) or 314-577-0225 for USGBC-STL's June 9 Program on Campus Greenhouse Gas Inventories! See the [program announcement](#) for more information.

## Tour of Green Homes - June 20

USGBC-STL, Missouri Botanical Garden's EarthWays Center and St. Louis HBA's Green Building Council are proud to present the



**2009 Tour of Green Homes** on Saturday, June 20 from noon - 4 pm!

### Self-guided tour of 6 new and rehabbed custom homes offered for sale

Visit any or all sites on your own between noon - 4 pm. Homes feature energy and water-saving strategies, sustainable materials and finishes and more! [Download FREE listing of the six locations throughout St. Louis region.](#)

### Bus tour of 6 owner-occupied homes and sites not open to the public

The bus tour will give a "behind-the-scenes" exploration of 6 owner-occupied homes guided by local green building experts. Sustainable features include mature and newly installed rain gardens, solar and geothermal energy systems, high-performance affordable construction, tankless water heating and indoor air quality safeguards.

Tickets for the bus tour are \$20 per person and include lunch and free parking. Advance purchase is recommended as seating is limited.

**New this year!** Home Performance with ENERGY STAR auditing resources for existing homes demonstrated at EarthWays Center by Mosby Building Arts and Home Green Home, 11 am-4 pm.

For more information or to purchase bus tour tickets, please visit [www.greenhomestl.org](http://www.greenhomestl.org).

**Sponsored by the Closet Factory, Laclede Gas and GeoComfort.**

USGBC-STL is seeking a few volunteers to help out during the Tour of Green Homes. Please e-mail the Chapter at [usgbc-stl@mobot.org](mailto:usgbc-stl@mobot.org) if you're interested!

## Greening the Heartland 2009 Recap

**Greening the Heartland 2009**, hosted by the USGBC-Detroit Regional Chapter in partnership with The Engineering Society of Detroit, featured seven keynote presentations, as well as more than 30 leaders and professionals presenting on four different tracks: Economic Revitalization, Public Policy & Resource Management, Regional Best Practices, and Transportation & Technology. Be sure to check the [Greening the Heartland](#) website for upcoming postings of 2009 presentations!



The conference included an update on the dramatic story and example of Greensburg, Kansas, a town devastated by a tornado in May 2007 and reconstructed with a commitment to sustainable design and green living.

The St. Louis Regional Chapter is pleased to have joined forces with additional Heartland Region Chapters of USGBC to provide and present a financial contribution to Greensburg, KS in support their reconstruction efforts.

[More information on Greensburg Greentown.](#)

## Architecture for Humanity Turns 10

Congratulations to Architecture for Humanity who are celebrating their 10 year anniversary, both in St. Louis and internationally. Join them to celebrate on Tuesday, June 16 at 5:30 pm at the Schlafly Tap Room (Eliot Room). The event is open to the public.

Architecture for Humanity provides design and construction services for under-served communities in the St. Louis metropolitan area. In collaboration with residents and community organizations, we facilitate positive change through socially and environmentally responsible design. [Learn more on their website.](#)

## A Living Building in St. Louis!

**Washington University's new Living Learning Center has opened it's doors!**

The Living Learning Center is a 2,900-square-foot facility at the university's Tyson Research Center built to meet the [Living Building Challenge](#) of the Cascadia Region Green Building Council (CRGBC).

The Living Building Challenge is a rigorous performance standard that defines the closest measure of true sustainability in the built environment, using a benchmark of what is currently possible and given the best knowledge available today. The standard is comprised of sixteen prerequisites including **net-zero energy and water, habitat exchange, nontoxic materials and beauty and inspiration**. No building has met this standard yet, but the Living Learning Center is in the running to be the first in North America.

In order to be certified as a Living Building, it must be fully operational for at least 12 consecutive months; this program demands proof that the occupants engage the project as anticipated. Projects that achieve this level of performance can claim to be among the "greenest" anywhere, and will serve as role models to others that follow.

[Learn more about the features of the Living Learning Center!](#)

[Download the Living Building Challenge Standard](#)

## USGBC-STL Sponsor Profile: Paric



As one of the region's top construction managers, Paric recognizes the tremendous opportunity to contribute to sustainable construction awareness, proficiency, and innovation. Paric has worked toward integrating sustainability since 2000 with the Nidus project which is the first LEED silver building recognized in Missouri. Our commitment to sustainability comes from every level of the organization, beginning with the President/CEO and extending through all levels of the organization. Paric values sustainability as a company and prides itself by aligning those values with the communities we serve.

**Thanks to Paric for their continued support of USGBC-STL through Gold Chapter Sponsorship!**

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## LEED for Neighborhood Development Webinar

USGBC is offering a three part webinar series this summer on LEED for Neighborhood Development. Learn all about LEED ND from the comfort of your desk!

### LEED for Neighborhood Development: Sustainability Beyond Buildings

**Session 1: June 18**  
*Green Communities: Bringing Smart Growth and New Urbanism into LEED*

**Session 2: July 16**  
*LEED for Neighborhood Development: Strategies for Urban Infill & Brownfield Redevelopment*

**Session 3: August 6**  
*LEED for Neighborhood Development: A Tool to Retrofit the Suburbs*

All Sessions are from 1:00 - 2:30 pm Eastern Standard Time Cost is \$60 per session for USGBC National and \$80 per session for non-members. Or register for the entire series - \$150 for USGBC National Members and \$200 for non-members.

[Learn more or register!](#)

[Additional USGBC online courses and webinars](#)

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