

# The Dane County Justice Center

## Green Building Project

Madison, Wisconsin

### Tackling the Politics of Building Green

- Clear policy – Dane County Green Building Ordinance, April 2000
- Committed owner – County Executive strong supporter and gatekeeper
- Budget – Secure green building allocation within overall budget; deliver a green building with no additional funds
- Green standard – Follow national green building standard. Track and demonstrate points achievable (budget limitations compelled self-verification)



### Adopting a "Whole Building" Design Approach

- Follow LEED™ Green Building Rating System to save energy, resources and water and create a healthy work environment
- Recognize that all building systems are interdependent and the building should integrate with its site and the community
- Identify project green building advocate (Sherrie Gruder, University of Wisconsin-Extension)
- Hire energy efficiency/ LEED™ consultant (The Weidt Group)
- Use a collaborative approach among occupants, design and construction teams and county staff
- Educate throughout the process

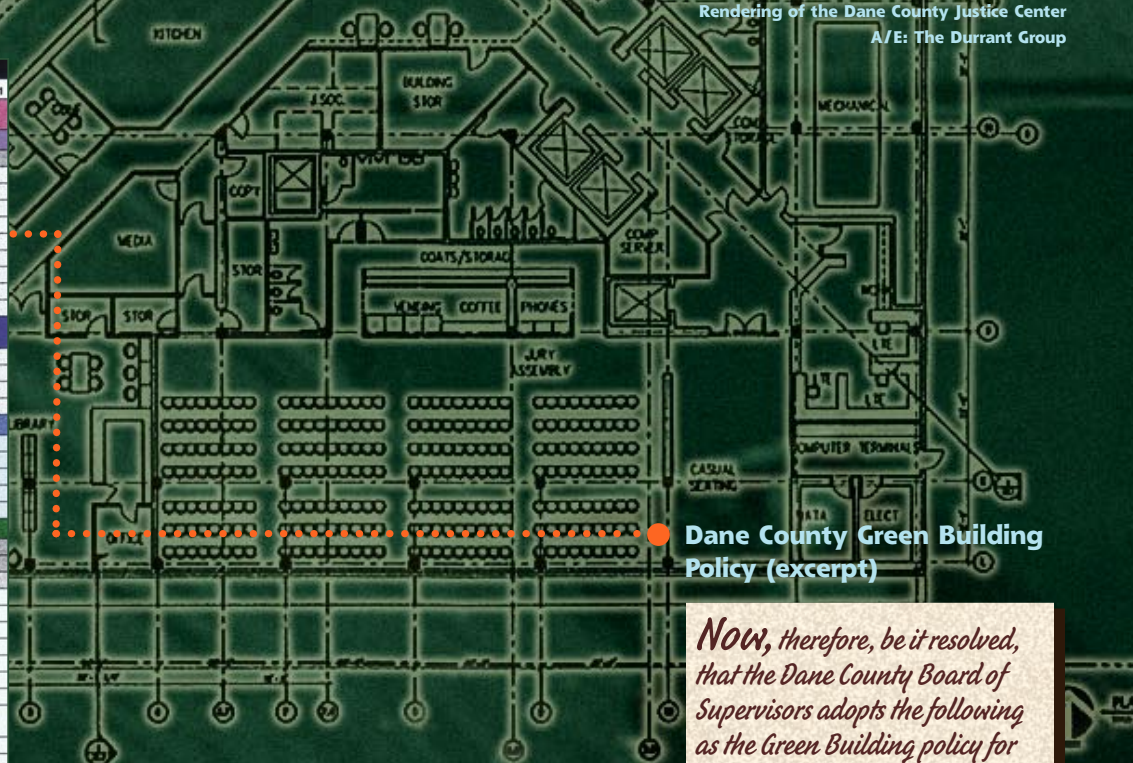
#### Dane County Justice Center:

- Nine stories, 216,000 gross square feet
- \$44 million project cost, \$36 million construction cost
- \$400,000 allocated to green building within overall budget
- First green building under county Green Building Policy



Rendering of the Dane County Justice Center  
A/E: The Durrant Group

LEED® Scoring			
Dane County Courthouse			
	Total	24	11
	LEED® Points	In design	Add Items
<b>SITE</b>			
Credit 1 Erosion and Sedimentation Control	0		
Credit 1 Site Selection	1		
Credit 1 Urban Redevelopment	1		
Credit 1 Brownfield Redevelopment	1		
Credit 4 Alternative Transportation: bus, rail distance	1		
Credit 4 Alternative Transportation: bicycle facilities, shower	1		
Credit 4 Alternative Transportation: alternative refueling stations	1		
Credit 4 Alternative Transportation: minimize parking, carpool	1		
Credit 5 Reduced Site Disturbance: limit disturbance or native planting	1		
Credit 5 Reduced Site Disturbance: reduce development footprint	1		
Credit 6 Storm Water Management: manage runoff	1		
Credit 6 Storm Water Management: treatment systems	1		
Credit 7 Reduce Heat Islands: shaded or light colored landscape	1		
Credit 7 Reduce Heat Islands: energy star or green roof	1		
Credit 8 Light Pollution Reduction	1		
<b>WATER</b>			
Credit 1 Water Efficient Landscaping: high efficiency irrigation	1		
Credit 1 Additional: zero irrigation	1		
Credit 2 Innovative Wastewater Technologies	1		
Credit 3 Water Use Reduction: 20% reduction	1		
Credit 3 Additional: 10% reduction	1		
<b>ENERGY &amp; ATMOSPHERE</b>			
Prereq 1 Fundamental Building Systems Commissioning	0		
Prereq 2 Minimum Energy Performance	0		
Prereq 3 CFC reduction in HVAC&R Equipment	0		
Credit 1 Optimize Energy Performance: 20% (10% rehab) better	2		
Credit 1 Additional: 10% (10% rehab) better	1		
Credit 1 Additional: 10% (10% rehab) better	2		
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Credit 2 Renewable Energy: 5% of total load	1		
Credit 2 Additional: 5% of total load	1		
Credit 2 Additional: 5% of total load	1		
Credit 3 Additional Commissioning	1		
Credit 4 Elimination of HCFCs and Halons	1		
Credit 5 Measurement and Verification	1		
Credit 6 Green Power	1		
<b>INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY</b>			
Prereq 1 Minimum IAQ Performance	0		
Prereq 2 Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) Control	0		
Credit 1 CO2 Monitoring	1		
Credit 2 Increase Ventilation Effectiveness	1		
Credit 3 Construction IAQ Management Plan: SMACNA filtration	1		
Credit 3 Construction IAQ Management Plan: 2 week flushout	1		
Credit 4 Low Emitting Materials: adhesives	1		
Credit 4 Low Emitting Materials: paints and coatings	1		
Credit 4 Low Emitting Materials: carpets	1		
Credit 4 Low Emitting Materials: composite wood & agrifiber	1		
Credit 5 Indoor Chemical and Pollutant Source Control	1		
Credit 6 Controllability of Systems: operable windows, perimeter lighting	1		
Credit 6 Controllability of Systems: non-perimeter lighting, temp, flow	1		
Credit 7 Thermal Comfort: comply with ASHRAE 55	1		
Credit 7 Thermal Comfort: temperature, humidity monitoring	1		
Credit 8 Daylight and Views: 75% spaces daylight	1		
Credit 8 Daylight and Views: 90% spaces to view windows	1		
<b>MATERIALS &amp; RESOURCES</b>			
Prereq 1 Storage and Collection of Recyclables	0		
Credit 1 Building Reuse: 75% structure and shell	1		
Credit 1 Building Reuse: 100% structure and shell	1		
Credit 1 Building Reuse: 100% structure and shell, 50% non shell	1		
Credit 2 Construction Waste Management: salvage recycle 50%	1		
Credit 2 Additional: salvage recycle 25%	1		
Credit 3 Resource Reuse: 5% salvaged refurbished materials	1		
Credit 3 Additional: 5% salvaged refurbished materials	1		
Credit 4 Recycled Content: 25% recycled materials	1		
Credit 4 Additional: 25% recycled materials	1		
Credit 5 Local Materials: 20% materials within 500 mi	1		
Credit 5 Additional: 50% of that cradle to gate within 500 mi	1		
Credit 6 Rapidly Renewable Materials	1		
Credit 7 Certified Wood	1		
<b>INNOVATION CREDITS</b>			
Credit 1 LEED Innovation Credits	1		
Credit 2 LEED Accredited Professional	1		



#### Dane County Green Building Policy (excerpt)

*Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors adopts the following as the Green Building policy for the buildings owned by Dane County: The overall goal of sustainable building by Dane County is to protect human health, be environmentally responsible, and fiscally prudent over the life of the building in the delivery of all new and renovated facilities.*

### Establishing Green Goals for the Project

Collaborate and create "buy-in" with building occupants, other county staff and County Board. Overall goals were to maximize:

- Indoor environmental quality (eliminate toxics, install operable windows, fresh air infusion and circulation)
- Daylighting for natural light illumination
- Energy savings
- Diversion of construction & demolition materials from landfill

# Energy Efficiency and Daylighting Design

Suboptimal orientation (southeast and west) and building massing (deep with more interior than perimeter window space) were overcome through:

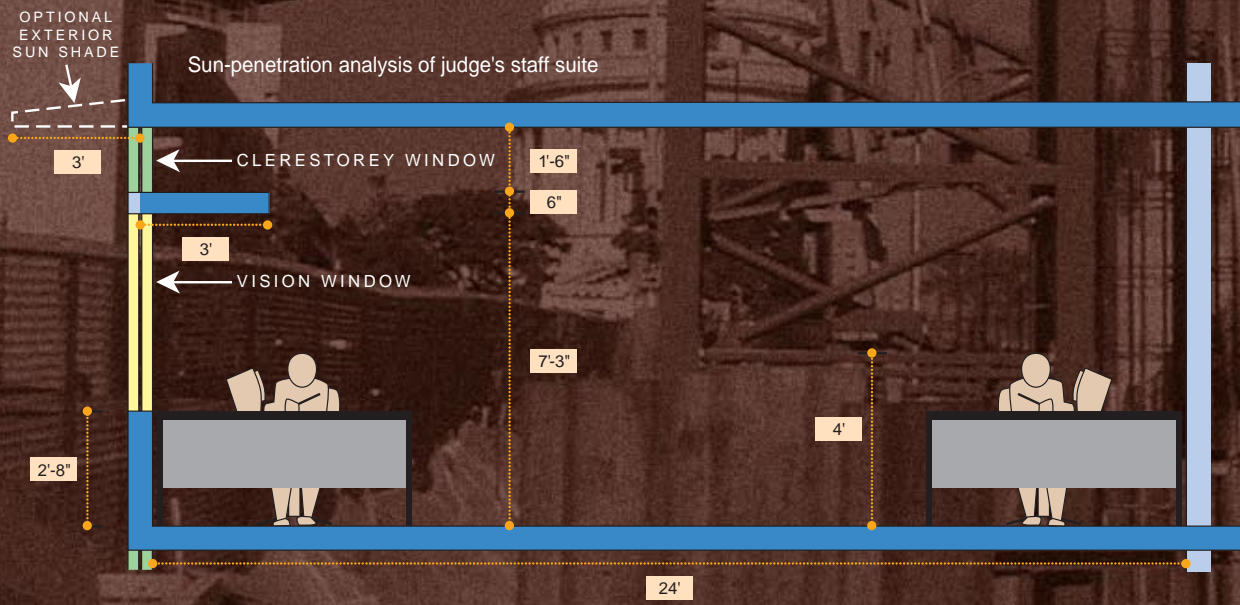
## Energy Analysis and Design

- Sun penetration and shading analysis used for window design to maximize natural light without heat and glare
- DOE2.1E energy simulation analysis; energy & daylighting performance analyzed to optimize performance of building systems including building skin, lighting, mechanicals, and controls
- Green options/ decision making matrix with 55 conservation strategies was combined with cost and payback information. This enabled the county and design team to compare the energy savings & incremental construction costs of different combinations of energy saving strategies

Bundle Selections				
Interactive Strategy Screening Tool				
Summary Results				
Energy Cost Savings	\$56,381	\$32,344	\$34,207	\$42,400
Percent Energy Cost Savings	27%	16%	17%	21%
Peak KW Savings	211.1	193.3	202.8	273.8
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Pollution Savings (Tons/Yr)	818,995	221,260	238,180	267,996
Incremental First Cost	\$0	\$145,637	\$149,487	\$285,911
Payback	imm	4.5	4.4	6.5

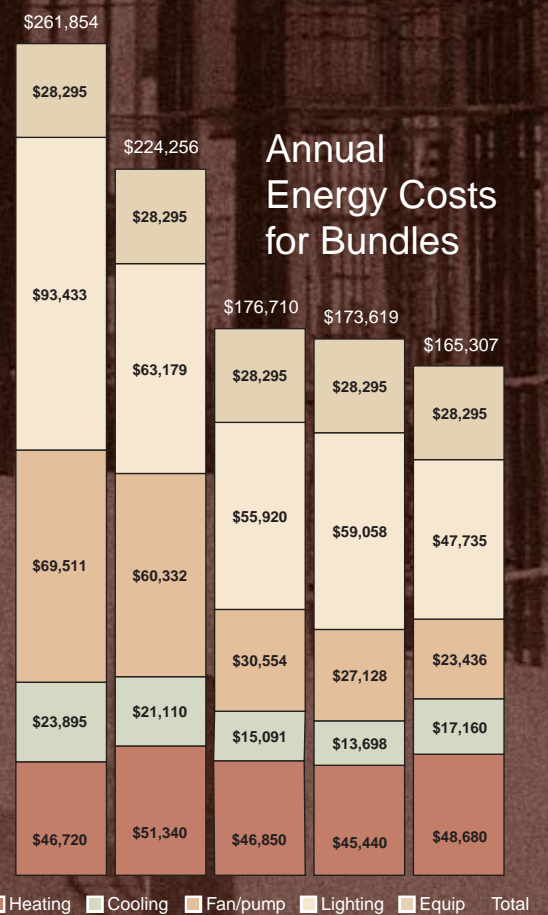
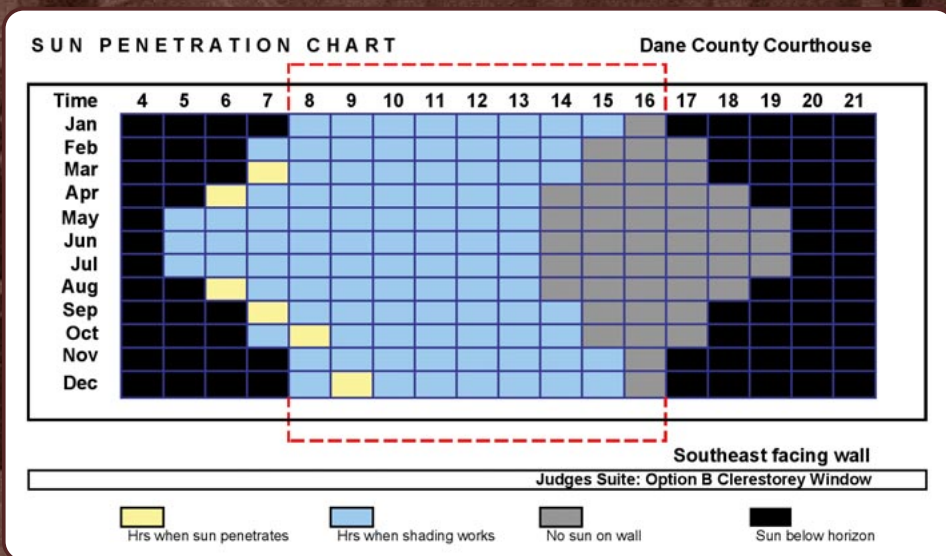
  

Dane County Courthouse				
No.	Strategy Description	Savings vs. annual energy	Cost Base first cost	pay-back years
<b>1 Window Glazing Alternatives</b>				
<b>FLOORS 3-8: TINTED GLASS ON CURVE, CLEAR ON REST</b>				
W4101	LowE glass	\$0	\$0	n/a
W4201	LowE Hi VT glass	\$475	\$546,366	1,150.2
<b>WEST LEVEL 1-2 &amp; SOUTHEAST LL-1 &amp; 2</b>				
W3201	Profit double glazed	\$0	\$0	n/a
W3301	Profit double glazed LowE	\$3,960	\$91,740	23.2
<b>2 Daylighting controls</b>				
D0601	Stepped controls in circulation corridors	\$2,055	\$0	imm
D0602	Stepped controls in offices: no Lightshelf	\$6,671	\$25,000	3.7
D0603	Stepped controls in offices: w/ Lightshelf	\$7,853	\$25,000	3.2
<b>3 Envelope Insulation Levels</b>				
ER3W1	R-30 roof insulation	\$543	\$13,057	24.0
ER2W2	R-16 wall insulation	\$3,188	\$48,954	15.4
<b>4 Lighting Controls</b>				
LCO01	Open office occup. sensor control	\$1,009	\$2,000	2.0
LCPO1	Private Office occup. sensor control	\$5,011	\$40,000	8.0
LCJD1	Judges Chamber occupancy sensor control	\$908	\$5,000	5.5
LCCN1	Conference/Hearing occup. sensor control	\$4,565	\$18,750	4.1
LCRR1	Restroom Occupancy sensor control	\$1,653	\$15,000	9.1
LCO02	Open office multi level switching	\$798	\$12,000	15.0
LCPO2	Private Office multi level switching	\$0	\$0	n/a
LCJD2	Judges Chamber multi level switching	\$0	\$0	n/a
LCCN2	Conf/Hearing multi level switching	\$0	\$0	n/a
LCC2	Court Room multiple lighting schemes	\$0	\$0	n/a
LCC2	Court Room multiple programmed schemes	\$0	\$80,000	n/a
LCC3	Central EMS sweep after hours	\$2,809	\$0	imm
<b>5 Lighting Design Alternatives</b>				
<b>OPEN OFFICE</b>				
LDO02	Direct system at 50 fc	\$0	\$0	n/a
LDO03	Indirect system at 50 fc	(\$845)	\$0	n/a
LDO04	Task/ Ambient (29 to 46 fc amb)	\$0	\$27,984	n/a
LDO05	Direct/indir at 45 fc	\$161	\$0	imm
<b>PRIVATE OFF/JUDGES CHAMBERS</b>				
LDPO2	Direct system at 50 fc	\$0	\$0	n/a
LDPO3	Indirect system at 50 fc	(\$3,776)	\$0	n/a
LDPO4	Task/ Ambient (29 to 46 fc amb)	\$2,478	\$64,000	25.8
LDPO5	Direct/indir at 45 fc	\$0	\$0	imm
<b>COURT ROOMS</b>				
LDCN2	Direct system at 50 fc	\$0	\$0	n/a



• The Dane County Courthouse is designed to save:

- 50% in electric consumption and 37% overall annual operating energy
- \$96,500 in annual costs compared with buildings designed to Wisconsin Code (simple payback of 4.8 years).



## Steps to Ensure Energy Savings

- Review construction documents to confirm energy decisions in design are carried through to construction. This process:
  - identified a loss of one third of the 37% energy efficiency savings
  - reevaluated omissions based on energy impacts and cost implications
  - amended construction documents
- Use measurement & verification process to check equipment installations and install dataloggers to measure that equipment is functioning optimally and delivering operational savings

• Benefits of Energy-Efficient Design

- ✓ Cost Savings
- ✓ Reduced environmental impacts from fossil fuel energy use
- ✓ Improved indoor environmental quality

# Record Setting Deconstruction

**There is Life After Demolition**  
 —WI State Journal 9•19•02

*"This is the single most comprehensive building project Dane County has undertaken to conserve resources and energy and keep valuable materials out of our landfill."*

—County Executive Kathleen Falk



site before deconstruction



deconstruction in progress



**Law Office Crosses Lake**

—The Capital Times 9•2•02

## Reused Materials

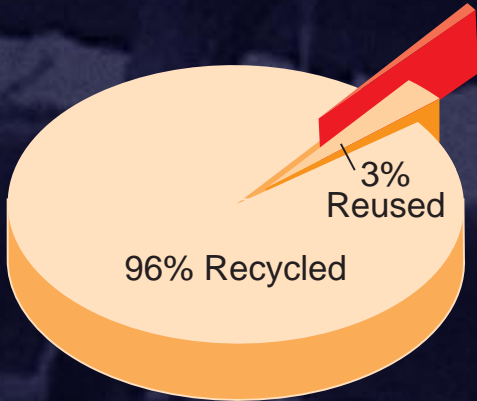
- 552 items in 37 categories totaling 54.6 tons (replacement value – \$204,325)
- Law office – 2-story brick building, 165 tons, moved intact (assessed value – \$195,000)



buildouts with all reused items, from ceiling tiles and doors to cabinetry and furniture



## Deconstruction Economics



1% Landfilled

### Materials Analysis

99% of materials diverted from landfill

Tons	Use
220	reused
6,612	recycled
65	landfilled

	Costs	Savings
Tipping fees	\$1,606	\$245,952
Contract	178,000	72,000
Carpet recycling	4,500	4,317
Value of materials		204,325

This project saved the amount of resources that would fill a football field 5½ feet high.

## Recycled Materials

Material recycled	Tonnage
Ceiling tile	21.0
Carpet & pad	8.8
Steel	140.0
Aluminum	1.6
Scrap	132.0
Concrete & asphalt	6,309.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,612.4</b>

metal



carpet and pad



fluorescent lighting



ceiling tiles

### Greening Government Keys to Success:

- Committed owner
- Design team with internalized sustainable design objectives
- Analysis of green elements and implications at each phase of the project
- Educate and keep elected officials and public informed

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