Moscow Intermodal Transit Center

Apocalypse or Regeneration
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Site Description

- Architects: Design West
- Transit center for Moscow's public transit and other buses
- Built next to the Sweet Avenue blue parking lot
- Not existing building on site just sod patch
- Newest building on Campus



Air, Water, & Food



Pollutes Air – Cleans Air

Buses run M-F throughout the entire year arriving at this station nearly every half hour. Buses remain running while parked at this station which produces a lot of pollution in the local area. Since the main function of the building is to be a transit center, mainly for the Moscow bus system we found that this building would be very difficult to give a positive score. The building also has a furnace system which pollutes air. There are however a few plants that clean the air.

Score = -75

Pollutes Water - Cleans Water

All water runs into the Sewer or flower beds. There is no retention pond, no green roof or living machine system.

Score = -100

Wastes Rainwater – Stores Rainwater

All rainwater runs into flower beds, patches of grass or the storm water drain. There is no harvesting or reuse of rainwater on the site.

Score = -100

Consumes Food – Produces Food

The site produces no food at all. All food consumed on site is either brought from home or bought at these expensive machines.

Score = -100





Soil, Waste, Habitat, & Energy



Destroys Rich Soil - Create Rich Soil

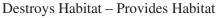
There are a few flower beds on site, but majority of them are covered in bark with very little vegetation. These few plants do not help keep the soil nutrient rich. The flower beds need mulch and other natural fertilizers mixed into them. They also need much more vegetation to create a better environment for worms and bugs.

Score = -50

Dumps Wastes – Consumes Wastes

All waste is dumped. Water is not recycled, pollutants are thrown out or enter the atmosphere, and all garbage is thrown in the dumpster. The only small exception is a recycling bin on site that is meant for cardboard.

Score = -75



There is no area on the site that provides habitat. There are no trees, bird houses, or various other areas for wild creatures to feel welcome. However since the site was a grass field before being developed it didn't destroy habitat either.

Score = 0

Imports Energy – Exports Energy

The site imports all of its energy and creates no energy. Score = -100







Transportation, Weather, & Daylight





Fuel-Powered Transportation – Human Powered Transportation

The building and site is easily accessible by all forms of transportation, yet being a transit center mainly for the bus routes it seems a little ironic that there are bike racks along side the building. The site experiences two different types of people. One group of individuals come to the site to ride the bus to their next destination. The other group comes into the office to buy parking passes for an area on campus close to their classes. It has been a rare experience to see a person park their bike at these racks due to the main dedication of this building. Thus, due to the main purpose of this building we rate it with a negative score.

Intensifies Local Weather – Moderates Local Weather

The building and site has a fair bit of paving around it, however not being asphalt it does not cause as much heat. The building has some paint, but for the most part is all pretty light in color thus reducing the heat gain. The single main issue is the pitched roof with green standing seam metal. The color of the roof tends to absorb quite a bit of heat thus increasing the microclimate effect.

Score = -50

Electric - Natural Lighting

The building actually has some decent natural daylighting taking place. The only issue is that there is not quite enough of it. The image gives a good example of how far the light from outside reaches.

Score = 50



Heating, Cooling, Repair, & Comfort

Uses Mechanical Heating – Uses Passive Heating

The heating system is entirely forced air with a boiler room. There are no other systems in the building that allow for heating to take place. Score = -100

Uses Mechanical Cooling – Uses Passive Cooling

The cooling system is entirely forced air with an air conditioning unit. There are no other systems in the building that allow for cooling to take place. There are also no windows in the building that can open manually or electronically. Employees complain about the inconvenience of not being able to have natural air from outside enter their building at their pleasure.

Score = -100

Needs Cleaning and Repair - Maintains Itself

The building is entirely exposed to the elements. The building also has many mechanical elements to try and keep the occupants comfortable. There are no systems implemented in the building which helps to clean itself.

Score = -100

Human Discomfort – Human Comfort

There is no contact with the outdoors through air circulation since all air enters through HVAC systems. The desks ad offices are all towards the back of the building where the least daylight is. Windows can sometimes produce high amounts of glare.

Score = -50





Circulation, Air, Materials, & Recycle



Fuel-Powered – Human Powered

There really are no forms of fuel powered circulation in the space. The only transportation form through this building and site is by foot.

Score = 0

Pollutes Indoor Air – Creates Pure Air

Again, there are a few plants that produce clean air, but majority of the system is HVAC and thus need filters changed to keep the air relatively clean.

Score = -75



Virgin Materials – Recycled Materials

There seems to be no sign of recycled materials anywhere on this building. The entire material pallet seems to be new. It is possible that the steel on the building was recycled, but its not for certain.

Score = -100

Cannot be Recycled – Can Recycle

A lot of materials on the building can easily be recycled. The steel, wood and glass are just a few of the materials that can easily be recycled for another project. Brick and aluminum are two other materials that can easily be reused on another project.

Score = 75





Icon, Neighborly, & Beauty



Apocalypse – Regeneration Icon

The building is a better example which is working towards regeneration compared to a lot of other buildings on campus, but it has a lot of work to improve on. The main thing it does well is use natural daylight.

Score = 0

Bad Neighbor – Good Neighbor

The main purpose of this building is to function as a transit center for the bus route. The buses cause a lot of air and noise pollution, so having this building as a neighbor would not be the most satisfying. Fortunately, no one really lives next door to the transit center.

Score = -25

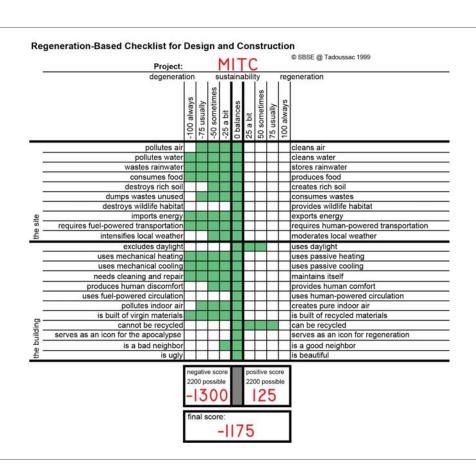
Is Ugly – Is Beautiful

The building is not the most ugly of buildings, but it is also not very beautiful. The building is just kind of there on the corner. It is a rather sad experience to enter the main atrium and see a visual path leading your eyes towards the bathroom. Perhaps that is the best part of the building.

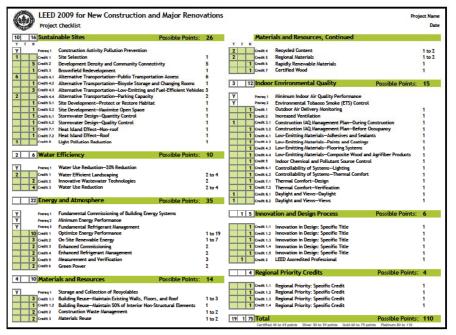
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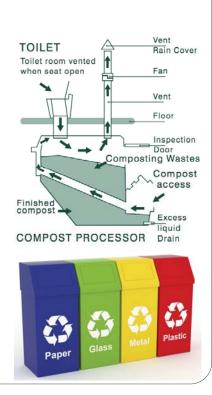
Redesign Features

- Site Improvements
 - Cistern
 - Fruit Bearing Plant Life
 - Additional trees and shrubbery for wildlife
 - Recycling Bins
- Building Improvements
 - Compost Toilet
 - Interior Plant Life
 - PV's and Solar Water Heaters
 - Additional Shading Devises on West and East
 - Operable Windows and Cross Ventilation
 - Geothermal Pump
 - Recycled Steel and New Roof Color
 - More Lighting Controls

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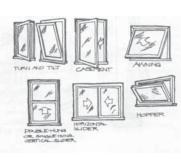


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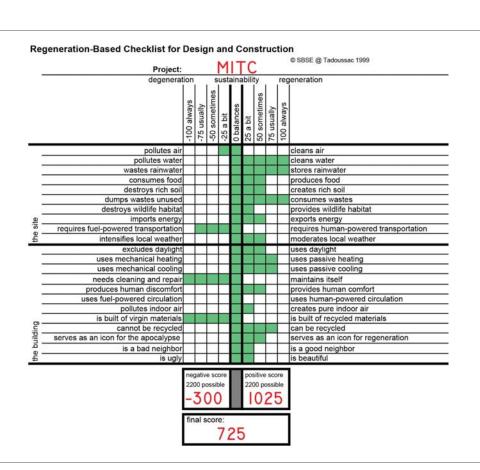




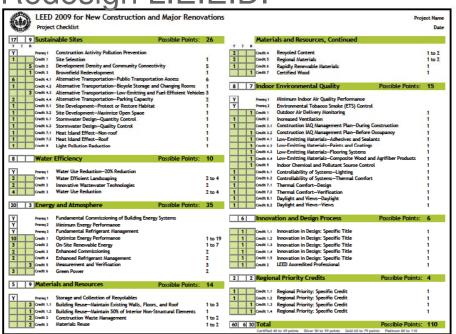


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Conclusion

 A single green feature could be address many issues which will create a greener building and site