



CASE STUDY#3 A SUSTAINABLE SITE & BUILDING

Portland Community College Newberg Center

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PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE NEWBERG CENTER

BUILDING DESCRIPTION

Portland Community College (PCC), Oregon's largest institution of higher learning, serves residents in five counties. As part of a bond measure to expand classroom space, PCC purchased a 15-acre site in Newberg, a small town in the Willamette Valley, to develop a new educational facility. The 13,500 sq/ft PCC Newberg Center is the initial building in the master plan.



Project Owner:
Portland Community College

Location:
135 Werth Blvd.
Newberg Oregon 97132. United States

Submitting Architect:
Hennebery Eddy Architects, Inc.

Project Completion Date:
August, 2011

Project Site Context/Setting:
Rural, previously undeveloped land

Project Type:
Education – College/University
(campus-level)

Building or Project Gross Floor Area:
13,500 square feet

Hours of Operation:
8:30am to 8:30pm M-F,
8:30am to 2pm Saturday

**Total project cost at time of completion,
land excluded:**
\$7,200,000.00

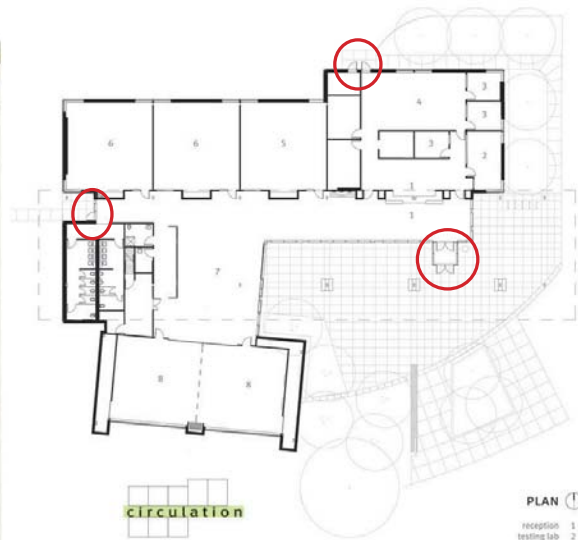
BUILDING DESCRIPTION



SITE PLAN ①
 1 future bypass right of way
 2 street extension
 3 future quad
 4 newberg center



SITE PLAN



circulation

shift

commons
 rotate

PLAN ①
 1 reception
 2 testing lab
 3 office
 4 open work area
 5 computer lab
 6 classroom
 7 commons/collaboration
 8 multi-purpose room

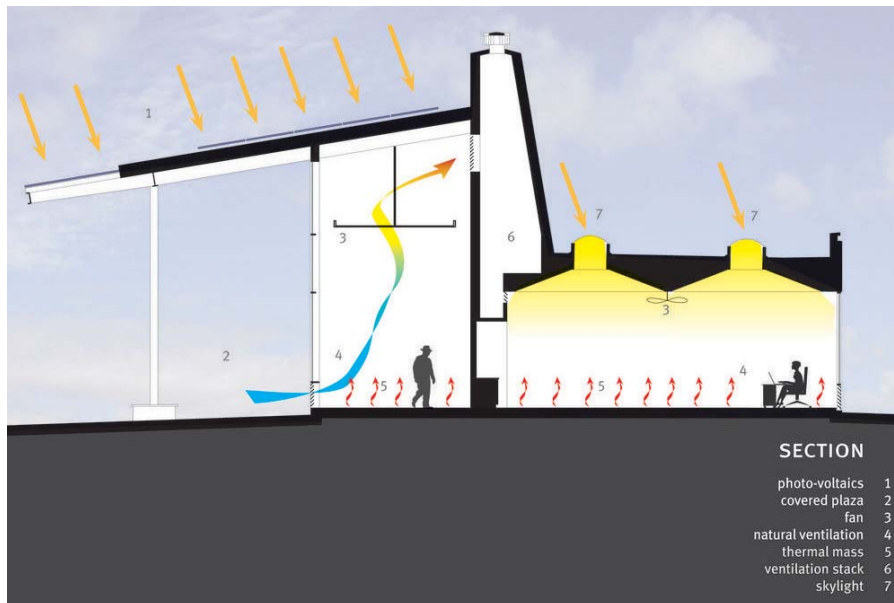
○ ENTRANCE

BUILDING PLAN

SUSTAINABLE STRATEGIES

Designed to be the first net-zero-energy higher education building in Oregon (and the second in the US), the Newberg Center supports PCC's sustainable mission to reduce greenhouse gas emission 80% by 2050.

As the first project of a construction bond, the building serves as a living laboratory for PCC to study energy use and strategies for its reduction. The design focused on four approaches to minimizing energy use to achieve net-zero: creating a highly efficient envelope; maximizing passive strategies; utilizing efficient systems; engaging the user.

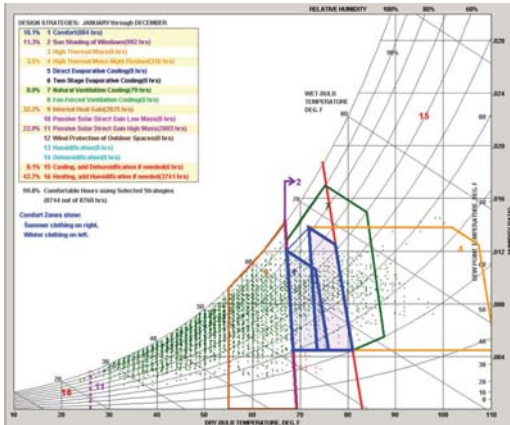


SECTION

1 photo-voltaics
 2 covered plaza
 3 fan
 4 natural ventilation
 5 thermal mass
 6 ventilation stack
 7 skylight

SUSTAINABLE STRATEGIES: Bioclimatic Design

*“Located roughly 60 mile inland of the Oregon coast, the city of Newberg enjoys the mild weather of the Pacific Northwest, characterized by **wet winters** and **dry, breezy summers**.”*



01 The majority of classroom and office spaces are located on the north side of the building, allowing spaces to be daylight with diffuse north light.

02 A deep overhang on the south side of the building protects openings from glare while providing outdoor spaces that can be used even during the wet winter.



03 Taking advantage of the Pacific Northwest's climate, the building incorporates natural ventilation and passive cooling articulated by the ventilation stacks that organize the circulation spine. Spinning ventilation turbines on each stack draw fresh air through louvers along the building's perimeter and release hot air through their tops.



SUSTAINABLE STRATEGIES: Light & Air

*Daylighting at levels that allow lights to be off during daylight hours: **98%***

*Views to the Outdoors: **98%***

*Within 15 feet of an operable window: **70%***

01 The Center's reliance on passive systems means the light in the building changes throughout the day as the sun makes its path across the sky. As the seasons shift from summer to winter, so will the indoor temperature subtly shift from warmer to cooler, and the introduction of fresh air brings a sense of the outside environment and climate.

02 Large panes of frosted glass, between the classrooms and the commons, light the classroom from two sides while minimizing distraction.



03 In the commons, the curtainwall pattern reflects a window-to-wall ratio that balances daylighting with overall building R-value, while north-facing clerestory slot windows evenly light the space.



04 The cost-effective daylighting design combines common skylights and acoustical ceiling tiles in a unique sloped ceiling system to wash the classrooms and open offices with even, diffused daylight - eliminating the need for electric lights during the day.



SUSTAINABLE STRATEGIES: Energy Future

"To drive down the building's peak energy load, passive strategies included maximizing north and south building exposures, deep overhangs, daylight, natural ventilation, concrete floors for thermal mass and a super-insulated envelope using structural insulated panels."

01 When outside temperatures are below 55° F, heat-recovery ventilators provide energy-efficient fresh air. The building's concrete slab heats users directly, not the air around them, by circulating 90° water through the closed-loop radiant system.

02 The ceiling fans provides a 3° drop in ambient temperature through air movement while using a fraction of the energy of air-conditioning units.



03 Lighting controls dim lights when daylight is sufficient, and vacancy sensors (which turn lights off when a room is empty but do not automatically turn lights on when someone enters) prevent lights being left on in unoccupied rooms.

ECM #	Description	Incremental Cost \$	kWh Savings	Energy Cost Savings \$	Simple Payback (yrs)
1	Structural Insulated Wall/Roof Panels	\$18,240	10322	\$713	25.6
2	Reduced Lighting Power Density	\$5,150	13299	\$889	5.8
3	High Performance Glazing	\$8,300			
4	Daylighting	\$12,213			
3 & 4	Combined ECM	\$20,513	10455	\$770	26.6
5	Reduced Exterior LPD	\$8,000	6040	\$328	24.4
6	Heat Recovery Ventilation	(\$7,325)			
8	ASHP serving Radiant floor Htg/backup Clg system	\$100,000			
6 & 8	Combined ECM	\$92,675	51627	\$6,726	13.8
7	Natural Ventilation	\$92,000	5450	\$107	859.8
9	Laptop Comp. vs Desktops	\$2,000	6784	\$465	4.3
10	Heat Pump DHW	\$200	139	\$27	7.4
	NZE Model (Proposed) (includes all ECM)	\$238,778	122090	\$11,807	20.2
	Interactive (Proposed) select ECM	\$146,778	119997	\$11,693	12.6

The energy conservation measures (ECM)

The project saving **51%** of the energy compared to baseline. A total of **122,090 kWh/year** electrical energy savings is projected.

SUSTAINABLE STRATEGIES: Material & Construction



01 SIPS (structural insulated panels) used for the roofs and walls provide a high R-value and greatly reduce heat loss from thermal bridging and air infiltration.

02 Double-dampers behind the natural ventilation louvers provide a tight seal when closed to prevent drafts.

03 Close attention and coordination with the contractor during construction, including mock-ups and air leakage tests of the louver assembly and installation, provided confirmation of a tight, well-sealed envelope.

04 The project also focused on minimizing material use, such as using the structural concrete slab and concrete shear walls as final finishes and strategically placing FSC-certified white oak where it would have the greatest impact, at classroom entries and the reception desk.

05 the building included 29% local materials, including brick, gypsum board, and gravel used for the roadway extension, and 25% materials with recycled content; and 85% of construction waste was diverted from local landfills.

SUSTAINABLE STRATEGIES: Longevity



“The Newberg Center was designed not only to provide classroom spaces and function as the campus front door but also would one day be transformed into the student union. The design used a lot of material that provide flexibility for the transition.”

01 Use structural steel frame to allow all interior walls to be easily removed or reconfigured.

The 30'x 30' structural bay with steel columns in the corner, allow multiple areas to be combined to create larger spaces for use.

02 frosted glass partitions throughout the building share light between spaces and function as additional “white board” space for classroom.



03 wood-clad cable tray, located in the circulation spine and doubling as an entry soffit at classroom, make maintenance possible without disrupting classes and allow for easily changing out technology.

04 large sliding glass walls between the multi-purpose room and the commons, and between the commons and the outdoor plaza, allow the building to be opened up, creating a dynamic flow of spaces for large events.

REGENERATION-BASED CHECKLIST

Regeneration-Based Checklist for Design and Construction

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	Project:		sustainability					regeneration			
	degeneration		-100 always	-75 usually	-50 sometimes	-25 a bit	0 balances	25 a bit	50 sometimes	75 usually	100 always
the site		pollutes air									●
		pollutes water									●
		wastes rainwater									●
		consumes food			●						
		destroys rich soil							●		
		dumps wastes unused							●		
		destroys wildlife habitat								●	
		imports energy			●						
		requires fuel-powered transportation							●		
		intensifies local weather							●		
		excludes daylight									●
		uses mechanical heating								●	
		uses mechanical cooling								●	
	the building		needs cleaning and repair							●	
		produces human discomfort							●		
		uses fuel-powered circulation							●		
		pollutes indoor air							●		
		is built of virgin materials							●		
		cannot be recycled								●	
		serves as an icon for the apocalypse								●	
		is a bad neighbor								●	
		is ugly								●	
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negative score 2200 possible	positive score 2200 possible
-75	1000
final score: 925	

THE SITE

Air= 0
plants, trees, no specific stratus for cleaning the air on the site

Water=75
native plants in bio-swale, the landscape design improving water quality

Rainwater=0
While the rainwater catchment system was eliminated for budgetary reasons

Food Production =-50
No food production on the site

Soil=25
reuse all the native topsoil on site and minimize importing soil amendments

Wildlife Habitat= 75
large masses of shrubs and groundcover provide substantial shelter for birds and insects, while large street trees provide convenient perching for local hawk species.

Energy= -25
Only 51% renewable energy, 49% imports energy form city.

Transportation= 0
estimated percent of occupants using public transit, cycling or walking is only 3%, but the site still provides bike and pedestrian paths.

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final score: **925**

Daylight=100
 98% daylighting at levels that allow lights to be off during daylight hours.

Heating=75
 concrete floor for thermal mass and super-insulated envelope using structural insulated panels.

Cooling=75
 ventilator provides energy-efficient fresh air, ceiling fans provide a 30 drop in ambient temperature through air movement

Maintenance= 50
 vacancy sensor and natural ventilation.

Human feeling=75
 the north daylight provides on the majority of classroom and office spaces, a deep overhang on south side of the building protects openings from glare. On the site, there are green space and trees that provides shading area. Natural ventilation that allow fresh air in the building.

Circulation= 50
 there is no preference for elevator and the stair is on the next door, which has large space for that.

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Indoor air= 75
 natural ventilation, the building's air quality is monitored by CO2 sensors and the green housekeeping policy prevents the use of toxic chemicals in or around the building. Good passive system introduce the fresh air into the building and brings a sense of the outside environment and climate.

Materials= 25
 25% materials with recycled content

Recyclability=75
 25% materials with recycled content, 85% of construction waste was diverted from local landfills.

Icon= 75
 Designed to be the first net-zero energy higher education building in Oregon and the second in the United States.

Neighbor= 75
 it is sustainable building, which is good for neighbor and provides habitat area in exterior of site.

Aesthetics= 50
 creating a highly efficient envelope is a one of design goal.

LEED CHECKLIST

LEED 2009 for New Construction and Major Renovations				Project Name			
Project Checklist				Date			
22	Sustainable Sites	Possible Points: 26		Materials and Resources, Continued			
Y	Prereq 1	Construction Activity Pollution Prevention		2	Credit 4	Recycled Content	1 to 2
1	Credit 1	Site Selection	1	2	Credit 5	Regional Materials	1 to 2
5	Credit 2	Development Density and Community Connectivity	5	1	Credit 6	Rapidly Renewable Materials	1
1	Credit 3	Brownfield Redevelopment	1	1	Credit 7	Certified Wood	1
6	Credit 4.1	Alternative Transportation—Public Transportation Access	6	10 Indoor Environmental Quality Possible Points: 15			
1	Credit 4.2	Alternative Transportation—Bicycle Storage and Changing Rooms	1	Y	Prereq 1	Minimum Indoor Air Quality Performance	
2	Credit 4.3	Alternative Transportation—Low-Emitting and Fuel-Efficient Vehicles	3	Y	Prereq 2	Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) Control	
2	Credit 4.4	Alternative Transportation—Parking Capacity	2	1	Credit 1	Outdoor Air Delivery Monitoring	1
1	Credit 5.1	Site Development—Protect or Restore Habitat	1	1	Credit 2	Increased Ventilation	1
1	Credit 5.2	Site Development—Maximize Open Space	1	?	Credit 3.1	Construction IAQ Management Plan—During Construction	1
1	Credit 6.1	Stormwater Design—Quantity Control	1	?	Credit 3.2	Construction IAQ Management Plan—Before Occupancy	1
1	Credit 6.2	Stormwater Design—Quality Control	1	?	Credit 4.1	Low-Emitting Materials—Adhesives and Sealants	1
1	Credit 7.1	Heat Island Effect—Non-roof	1	?	Credit 4.2	Low-Emitting Materials—Paints and Coatings	1
1	Credit 7.2	Heat Island Effect—Roof	1	1	Credit 4.3	Low-Emitting Materials—Flooring Systems	1
1	Credit 8	Light Pollution Reduction	1	1	Credit 4.4	Low-Emitting Materials—Composite Wood and Agrifiber Products	1
8	Water Efficiency	Possible Points: 10		1	Credit 5	Indoor Chemical and Pollutant Source Control	1
Y	Prereq 1	Water Use Reduction—20% Reduction		1	Credit 6.1	Controllability of Systems—Lighting	1
2	Credit 1	Water Efficient Landscaping	2 to 4	1	Credit 6.2	Controllability of Systems—Thermal Comfort	1
2	Credit 2	Innovative Wastewater Technologies	2	1	Credit 7.1	Thermal Comfort—Design	1
4	Credit 3	Water Use Reduction	2 to 4	1	Credit 7.2	Thermal Comfort—Verification	1
33	Energy and Atmosphere	Possible Points: 35		1	Credit 8.1	Daylight and Views—Daylight	1
Y	Prereq 1	Fundamental Commissioning of Building Energy Systems		1	Credit 8.2	Daylight and Views—Views	1
Y	Prereq 2	Minimum Energy Performance		6 Innovation and Design Process Possible Points: 6			
Y	Prereq 3	Fundamental Refrigerant Management		1	Credit 1.1	Innovation in Design: Specific Title	1
19	Credit 1	Optimize Energy Performance	1 to 19	1	Credit 1.2	Innovation in Design: Specific Title	1
7	Credit 2	On-Site Renewable Energy	1 to 7	1	Credit 1.3	Innovation in Design: Specific Title	1
?	Credit 3	Enhanced Commissioning	2	1	Credit 1.4	Innovation in Design: Specific Title	1
2	Credit 4	Enhanced Refrigerant Management	2	1	Credit 1.5	Innovation in Design: Specific Title	1
3	Credit 5	Measurement and Verification	3	1	Credit 2	LEED Accredited Professional	1
2	Credit 6	Green Power	2	4 Regional Priority Credits Possible Points: 4			
10	Materials and Resources	Possible Points: 14		1	Credit 1.1	Regional Priority: Specific Credit	1
Y	Prereq 1	Storage and Collection of Recyclables		1	Credit 1.2	Regional Priority: Specific Credit	1
N	Credit 1.1	Building Reuse—Maintain Existing Walls, Floors, and Roof	1 to 3	1	Credit 1.3	Regional Priority: Specific Credit	1
N	Credit 1.2	Building Reuse—Maintain 50% of Interior Non-Structural Elements	1 to 3	1	Credit 1.4	Regional Priority: Specific Credit	1
2	Credit 2	Construction Waste Management	1 to 2	93 5 5 Total Possible Points: 110			
2	Credit 3	Materials Reuse	1 to 2	Certified 40 to 49 points Silver 50 to 59 points Gold 60 to 79 points Platinum 80 to 110			

SCORE: 93/110

BUILDING REDESIGN PROPOSAL

Overall, the Newberg Center is very well designed that is was actually challenging to create a redesign. We chose to implement systems that scored low on the check lists. In a general sense, we are design the building to get better scores on both checklists.

We chose to focus on 3 areas:

- 1) Create Food Production:
 - Erect raised beds on site
- 2) Redesign The Transportation:
 - Add bicycle racks
 - Add carpool parking spots closer to the building to encourage better transportation practices.
- 3) Make the Building More Energy Efficient:
 - Install composting toilets that use no energy

We were going to install more pvs, or possibly thermal pvs, but came to the conclusion that instead of making more energy, it would be better to lessen the amount of energy the building uses.

BUILDING REDESIGN



No food production on the site



Using raised bed gardens

- it can produce food.
- the plants in the garden can help absorbing the dust, make the exterior air fresh.



Rainwater catchment system was eliminated for budgetary reasons

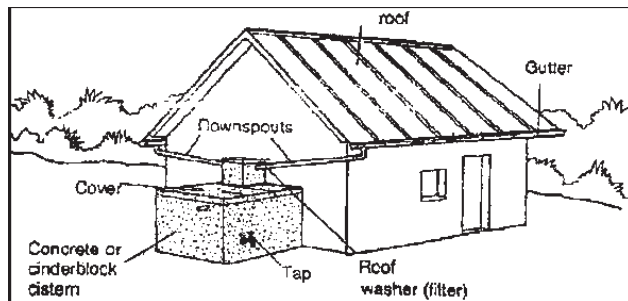


Adding a cistern

- catch rain water and reuse it in the building & garden.



Adding a gutter on the roof



BUILDING REDESIGN



49% imports energy form city



Lessen the amount of energy used by composting waste and using composting toilet.



Estimated percent of occupants using public transit, cycling or walking is only 3%



Adding bike racks



Carpool spots



BUILDING REDESIGN REGENERATION-BASED CHECKLIST

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SCORE INCREASED
275 THAN BEFORE

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1	Credit 3 Brownfield Redevelopment 1			1	Credit 7 Certified Wood 1
6	Credit 4.1 Alternative Transportation—Public Transportation Access 6			10	Indoor Environmental Quality
1	Credit 4.2 Alternative Transportation—Bicycle Storage and Changing Rooms 1			Possible Points: 15	
1	Credit 4.3 Alternative Transportation—Low-Emitting and Fuel-Efficient Vehicles 3			Y	Prereq 1 Minimum Indoor Air Quality Performance
2	Credit 4.4 Alternative Transportation—Parking Capacity 2			Y	Prereq 2 Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) Control
1	Credit 5.1 Site Development—Protect or Restore Habitat 1			1	Credit 1 Outdoor Air Delivery Monitoring 1
1	Credit 5.2 Site Development—Maximize Open Space 1			1	Credit 2 Increased Ventilation 1
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1	Credit 8 Light Pollution Reduction 1			1	Credit 4.3 Low-Emitting Materials—Flooring Systems 1
8	Water Efficiency	Possible Points: 10		1	Credit 4.4 Low-Emitting Materials—Composite Wood and Agrifiber Products 1
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Y	Prereq 2 Minimum Energy Performance			1	Credit 8.2 Daylight and Views—Views 1
Y	Prereq 3 Fundamental Refrigerant Management			6	Innovation and Design Process
19	Credit 1 Optimize Energy Performance 1 to 19			Possible Points: 6	
7	Credit 2 On-Site Renewable Energy 1 to 7			1	Credit 1.1 Innovation in Design: Specific Title 1
?	Credit 3 Enhanced Commissioning 2			1	Credit 1.2 Innovation in Design: Specific Title 1
2	Credit 4 Enhanced Refrigerant Management 2			1	Credit 1.3 Innovation in Design: Specific Title 1
3	Credit 5 Measurement and Verification 3			1	Credit 1.4 Innovation in Design: Specific Title 1
2	Credit 6 Green Power 2			1	Credit 1.5 Innovation in Design: Specific Title 1
10	Materials and Resources	Possible Points: 14		1	Credit 2 LEED Accredited Professional 1
Y	Prereq 1 Storage and Collection of Recyclables			4	Regional Priority Credits
N	Credit 1.1 Building Reuse—Maintain Existing Walls, Floors, and Roof 1 to 3			Possible Points: 4	
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2	Credit 2 Construction Waste Management 1 to 2			1	Credit 1.2 Regional Priority: Specific Credit 1
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96	Total	5	4	Possible Points: 110	

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CONCLUSION

For conclusion, the Newberg Center is a well-designed building that used many good sustainable strategies; so we focused on small but doable changes to get better scores on both checklists, and instead of making more energy, it would be better to lessen the amount of energy the building use. We proposed an investment in raised garden, rainwater catchment system, lessen the amount of imports energy from city, adding bike rack, carpool spots.

Sometimes little things can make big impact...

As a result of our intervention, the project **gained 275 points** on the regeneration-based checklist than before, and added LEED platinum **from 93 points to 96 points**.

