



# Village of Skokie

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## **New Skokie Police Headquarters Earns Gold LEED® Certification**

The new Skokie Police Headquarters, 7300 Niles Center Road, has earned LEED certification to the Gold level as established by the U.S Green Building Council (USGBC) and verified by the Green Building Certification Institute. The Gold LEED certification was earned as a result of the project's energy use, lighting, water and material use as well as incorporating a variety of other sustainable strategies. The 80,000-square-foot facility opened in October 2010 and was strategically designed for optimum use and efficiency.

LEED is the nation's preeminent program for the design, construction and operation of high-performance green buildings. By using less energy and water, LEED certified buildings promote energy savings and contribute to a healthier environment for residents, building employees and the entire community.

"The community can be very proud of the new Skokie Police Headquarters achieving Gold LEED certification," commented Mayor George Van Dusen. "The construction and design of the new building required extensive analysis, planning and effort and will serve the Police Department and Skokie residents for years to come. The building's Gold LEED certification is a credit to the Village's commitment to sustainable environmental practices. Special thanks to Police Chief Anthony Scarpelli, recently retired Skokie Police Chief Barry Silverberg, Police Commander Michael Pechter and Assistant to the Police Chief Dane Smith for their hard work overseeing the new station construction and for their efforts to secure the building's Gold LEED certification."

LEED certification of Gold was based on a number of green design and construction features that positively impacted the Police Headquarters project and the greater community. These features include:

- Water efficient landscaping
- Water use reduction
- Use of recycled content and regionally sourced materials
- Heat island effect mitigation for both roof and non-roof areas
- Use of low-emitting paints, coatings, carpet systems, composite wood and more
- Maximization of open space
- Optimized energy performance

For more information on these and other factors that contributed to the new Skokie Police Headquarter's Gold LEED certification, visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org).

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Governor's Hometown Award

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