



Will Your Indoor Plantscape Project Qualify for LEED Credit?

Right now there is no specified credit for indoor plantings in the US Green Building Council's LEED certification program for green buildings. However, that most certainly does NOT mean you can't get credit! Although no one can make any promises, here are some ways in which you can get credit. Please note: the more of these you can prove and include in your narrative the better your chances!

We can help you attain credit by researching and writing the narrative and surveying your employees for results. We will work with your architect or LEED project manager. We can't make any promises but we'll do our best for you! Contact Kathy Fediw, LEED AP ID+C at Kathy@JFAConsultingBiz.com for more information. We will do a quick analysis for a minimal fee to see if your project may qualify.

1. **Biofilter Green Walls (biowalls):** If you have a biowall, a green wall that is integrated into your HVAC system such as the Nedlaw system, you have a very good chance of attaining LEED credit. Many biowalls have received credit due to their innovative indoor air quality features.
2. **Biophilic Connection:** Does your indoor plantscape tie in with the outdoor landscape or natural setting? Does it provide a respite area in an urban area? Do you have features with animals such as a fish pond included? Can you prove through a survey that your employees are drawn to the area? You may be able to get credit under Biophilic Connection.
3. **Health and Wellbeing Improvements:** Can you prove that your absenteeism rate or illness rate is lower than it was before plants were installed? There are numerous research projects proving the benefits of indoor plants that we will quote for you on your behalf when you have us write the narrative.
4. **Energy or Water Conservation:** Can you document a savings in energy or water consumption after your plants were installed? This is particularly likely with large numbers of plants or biowalls.
5. **Number of Plants:** The Australian LEED program provides for credit for a certain number of indoor plants in the lettable (leasable) space. We will do the calculations for you to see if you qualify for a very nominal fee.
6. **Proof of Results:** We provide full documentation and cite numerous research studies to prove your case, all customized to your particular project. This may include surveying your employees, tenants and/or visitors.

Other ways that plants can contribute towards LEED credit include if they are locally grown; or if the containers are locally produced, made with recycled materials, or are refurbished. Other ways may also apply.