

## EHS Green Project Goes Gold



[EHS Design](#) is pleased to announce the LEED® Gold certification for the new construction of the Columbia Credit Union Washougal branch. This is the first LEED-certified new financial institution in Washington State at the Gold level.

Already eco-conscious, this credit union sought to go a deeper shade of green with its branches. As its architect and interior designer for over a decade, EHS Design developed a new green prototype for each branch to achieve LEED certification. The Washougal branch is just the first of multiple rollouts to follow.

The prototype design leverages the abundant local resources; harvesting rainfall, maximizing natural daylight with an iconic pyramid skylight, and interacting with the temperate climate through auto-sensor controls and operable windows. The long-term savings are significant; each branch will save up to 13,500 gallons of water and 50 percent in energy costs.



Most importantly, COO Steve Kenny says, "We've created a healthy environment for our members, a productive atmosphere for staff, and invested in a sustainable future that benefits everyone."

Originally designed to the goal of LEED Silver, this project ultimately attained the higher level LEED Gold certification. See a [video](#) of CCU's green features.

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