

Durrwachter Alumni Conference Center is "Green"

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The Durrwachter Alumni Conference Center is "Green", Lock Haven University's Durrwachter Conference Alumni Center (DACC) is the first building in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education to achieve official certification as a "green" building.

The university received notification this week that DACC achieved its certification for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) from the U.S. Green Building Council.

According to the U.S. Green Building Council website, "The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high-performance green buildings. LEED certification provides independent, third-party verification that a building project is environmentally responsible, profitable and a healthy place to live and work."

One of the high points was that more than 98% of DACC construction waste was diverted from the landfill. **Wayne Township Landfill and Recycling Center** were an integral partner in this achievement. More than 32% of the construction materials were harvested and manufactured locally, also earning the facility a high rating.

While there is a designated parking spot at the facility for fuel efficient vehicles, DACC also hosts a bike rack and shower/changing room, encouraging staff and students to bike to work. The Lock Haven University Alumni Association is one year into a "Going Green" initiative. This achievement is one more way for Lock Haven University to declare its respect of the environment and the need to operate efficiently.

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