



## Green Guide for Health Care Newsletter

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### Green Guide Tips

*Simple How-To's for using the Guide effectively*

#### How To Find Resources that Support Green Guide Pilot Projects

##### Make use of the Forum

The Green Guide Forum is a venue for Pilot projects to ask questions related to credit compliance. It is also a peer-to-peer exchange for participants to discuss their experiences, successes, and challenges when implementing Green Guide credits. The Green Guide Steering Committee members participate in the Forum, and help to clarify technical issues, credit language, requirements, and intent. Your participation will also help shape the next version of the Green Guide.

##### Reference Standards section included in each Green Guide Credit

The standards referenced in each credit are often a rich resource for pin-pointing specific strategies, technologies, and product categories. Seek out their websites, download the relevant documents, and begin to understand the nuts and bolts fundamentals.

##### Green Guide Sponsors and Partners

The organizations that support the Green Guide as Sponsors and Partners represent a broad cross-section of resources in the green healthcare industry. Refer to the Green Guide [Supporters](#) webpage frequently to find ideas for leads to specific technology and product resources. Please note that the Green Guide does not endorse specific products.

### Green Guide Spotlight

Success stories from Green Guide Pilots and Registrants

#### The University of Texas School of Nursing and Student Community Center sees Integrated Design as the key to green design

The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston made a commitment early on to develop a green building using an integrated design process. Integrated design requires that project development and implementation occur in a collaborative atmosphere, rather than the traditional linear progress.

UTHSC initiated the process by including integrated design in the Top Seven Guiding Principles of Sustainable Design, which now act as the framework for all UTHSC construction projects. UT Facilities personnel and the architects, BNIM Architects in collaboration with Lake/Flato Architects, convened an integrated design team, including representatives from the owner, architect, mechanical engineer, and contractor. This group worked together throughout the design process with an eye towards balancing environmental, economic, and social interests. The integrated design team's coordinated efforts across building orientation, building massing, glazing and shading design, daylighting, operable windows, and conventional mechanical systems resulted in significant, building-wide energy savings.

For further information on this project, please contact Filippo Castore, BNIM Architects, [fcastore@bnim.com](mailto:fcastore@bnim.com).

### News

1. **Green Guide [Online Store](#) up and running!** Support the Green Guide by purchasing a printed copy for yourself, your clients, or your consultants.
2. **Visit the [Supporters](#) section of the Green Guide website for other ways to support our work.** All donations to the Green Guide are tax deductible.
3. **"Green Guide Spotlight" debuts this month in the Green Guide for Health Care Newsletter.** Each monthly newsletter will profile a facility and its creative approach to a Green Guide credit. Both Pilots and Registrants are eligible to participate. Please send story with value-added results to [info@gghc.org](mailto:info@gghc.org) by September 10.  
**September topic: Sustainable Sites.**
3. **The Green Guide document has been revised.** Visit the [Download](#) page to access the errata sheet and the new version of the Green Guide. Three credits have been updated in response to Pilot project concerns: Development Density (SS-2), Lab Effluent (SS-10), Acoustics (EQ-9).
4. **More than 50 projects have signed up to participate in the Green Guide Pilot!** [Sign up](#) your project today!
5. A host of conferences featuring Green Guide talks are coming up over the next few months. Visit our [Events](#) page for a list of **upcoming educational events**.
6. Join the growing list of healthcare facilities taking advantage of the resources provided by the Green Guide framework. **Sign up your project as a Pilot** at [www.gghc.org/participate.cfm](http://www.gghc.org/participate.cfm). Remember, even facilities not currently under construction can participate in the Pilot to share their planning, design and/or construction experience or to review their facility operations under the Operations section.
7. **The Green Guide welcomes our new Endorsers:** Affiliated Engineers, Inc., Amtico International, CDi Engineers, Just Manufacturing Co., LHB, Inc., New York Presbyterian Hospital, Titus, Walbridge Woodworks, Inc.