



Programs, Planning & Policies

Building Foundations for a Sustainable Future

Since 1991, O'Brien & Company has been working to grease the wheels for the green building movement with programs, plans, and policies that promote sustainable development. We work collaboratively with our clients to develop the tools they need to make the desired change in their corporations, cities, counties, school districts, and existing buildings.

Approach

On every project we use our deep green building experience to guide our clients toward adopting sound, economically feasible, and progressive sustainable practices. We build capacity by educating and training industry professionals to adopt new methods into their daily actions and achieve sustainability on a practical level.

Our Staff

Our interdisciplinary team has significant experience in community planning, environmental management, business, architecture, facilitation, community outreach, journalism, and education. Our staff includes Certified Sustainable Building Advisors and LEED Accredited Professionals who are committed to translating the best industry information and providing clear guidance.

Services

Operations

- Corporate sustainability strategies
- Sustainable campuses
- Operations and maintenance guidelines for existing buildings
- LEED for Existing Buildings: Operations & Maintenance certification

Programs & Guidelines

- Development of Built Green and other green building programs for residential, educational, industrial and commercial buildings
- Development of educational programs

Green Cities & Counties

- Sustainable community strategies
- Sustainable development and green building plans and policies for municipalities
- Technical field guides for green building and low impact development
- Municipal implementation of standards

Sustainability Advocacy & Evaluation

- Articles and research
- Fact sheets, web content and articles on sustainability topics for technical and lay audiences
- Presentations and training



O'Brien & Company is a nationally recognized leader in green building consulting, sustainability programs, and training and educational product development. We work collaboratively with owners, developers, architects, contractors, municipalities and other organizations who influence the built environment.

LEED for Existing Buildings: Operations & Maintenance

The LEED-EB rating system acknowledges the crucial importance of a building's actual, ongoing performance. O'Brien & Company provides the technical assistance, facilitation, policy-writing and documentation necessary to complete a successful application. Our operational plans and policies are carefully crafted to be easy to follow and meet the organizations highest sustainability goals. We've worked on a variety of facility types from hospitality centers to office buildings. Whether our clients want technical assistance or complete project management, our extensive background in LEED and our commitment to finding creative solutions to the inevitable challenges of certification make us a valuable asset.



Sustainability Strategies for Communities and Businesses

O'Brien & Company has developed a variety of sustainability strategies, plans and framework for municipalities, businesses and organizations. We developed a sustainability strategy for the City of Shoreline and conducted an economic sustainability assessment and prepared recommendations for the City of Kirkland. Our strategy for the King County Housing Authority has helped them minimize the environmental impact of their operations. We facilitated and prepared organizational greening reports for King County and Schuchart Corporation. The sustainability strategy we helped the Hawai'i Preparatory Academy develop has informed everything from their campus master planning to their curricula.

Built Green® Program Development

We have developed a number of Built Green programs for Home Builders Associations and Master Builders Associations. Our work has included facilitating strategic plans and developing specific program components. Our products include checklists, handbooks, resources, field guides, educational materials for homeowners, and third party verification systems for programs. We've worked on programs in King and Snohomish Counties, Tacoma and Pierce County, Olympia, Spokane, Tri-Cities, Walla Walla, and in California and Hawaii. Washington State now has more than 20,000 certified Built Green homes. Additional work for the Kitsap Home Builders Foundation includes a project to develop Low Impact Development implementation standards. Our guidelines were adopted by Kitsap County and all four of its cities.



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