



## Pioneering a Sustainable Houston

Hicks Ventures introduces one of Houston's first mass timber office building that will bring cutting edge Net Zero, Carbon Neutral, Class A office space to the city's rapidly growing Central West corridor.

> Net zero buildings are pillars in the race to reduce global carbon emissions. By leveraging renewable energy sources, efficient design choices, and carbon offset strategies, the next generation of buildings can achieve net zero energy status, and produce enough clean energy to compensate for the structures' annual energy consumption.

We understand that the largest single source of carbon output from buildings comes from their embodied carbon — the production and transportation of products and materials. Mass Timber presents a sustainable material solution to the issue of embodied carbon.

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> Reducing the detrimental impact from embodied carbon is key to our strategy, and is the main reason Mass Timber is becoming a critical element in sustainable

building. Its combination of fire resistance, structural integrity, and environmental attributes makes timber buildings a very attractive option. Recent mass timber buildings, for example, weigh up to 20% less than comparable concrete buildings. This reduces their foundation size and embodied energy, according to the Mass Timber Code Coalition. In addition, mass timber elements can be installed quickly on-site, with added benefits like reduced construction time, traffic, and noise. Waste is also minimized.

Of course, Mass Timber construction is only one of ten strategies we intent to implement in the design and construction of this building. Other sustainability strategies that are no less important include optimizing for passive performance, generating and storing clean energy on site, building a 100% electric building, and collecting and reusing rainwater on site.

The building's signature east and west facades not only adds visual interest, but also reduces solar gain by as much as 35%, when compared to similar office buildings on the market.

On the interiors, the building once again features mass timber prominently, as well as other cutting edge and energy efficient systems such as premium HVAC, loops, ultra-efficient lighting, as well as unique interior planting moments designed to improve air quality, sequester carbon, and bring the outdoors inside.

By prioritizing holistic systems rather than localized solutions, and by considering resilient and sustainable materials from the start, we can achieve absolute design efficiency in this building from the inside out.



## **OUR TEAM**





## **Patrick Hicks**

Principal

Patrick founded Hicks Ventures in September 2007 after serving as Senior VP/Principal for Metro National Development for 3 1/2 years. He has more than 35 years of experience in the commercial real estate industry.

Hicks principles have over \$2 billion dollars' worth of transactions and developments in the office, healthcare, hospitality, and retail sectors.



#### **Rives Taylor** Global Resilience Research Lead

Rives Taylor FAIA is a Texas licensed architect, practicing and educator. Rives specializes in the 'why' and 'how' of sustainable design, including students, faculty, professionals, public officials and the general public.



#### Jerry Alexander **Global Brand Practice Leader**

With more than 30 years of graphic, package, and brand design experience coupled with an architectural background, Jerry brings a

holistic approach to every client's brand.



#### Maria Perez

Climate Action & Sustainability Leader

As the South Central Regional Sustainable Design Leader, Maria's responsibilities include assisting clients with sustainability consulting, LEED lassessments and Green Building Cost Analysis.

#### Leading the Industry Toward Net Zero

A recent study led by the Gensler Research Institute found that **72%** of adults in the U.S. believe that climate change is an urgent issue, but only 18% feel as though their communities are prepared to tackle it. We touch over 1.25 billion square feet every year.

We are leading the industry to change the industry.

















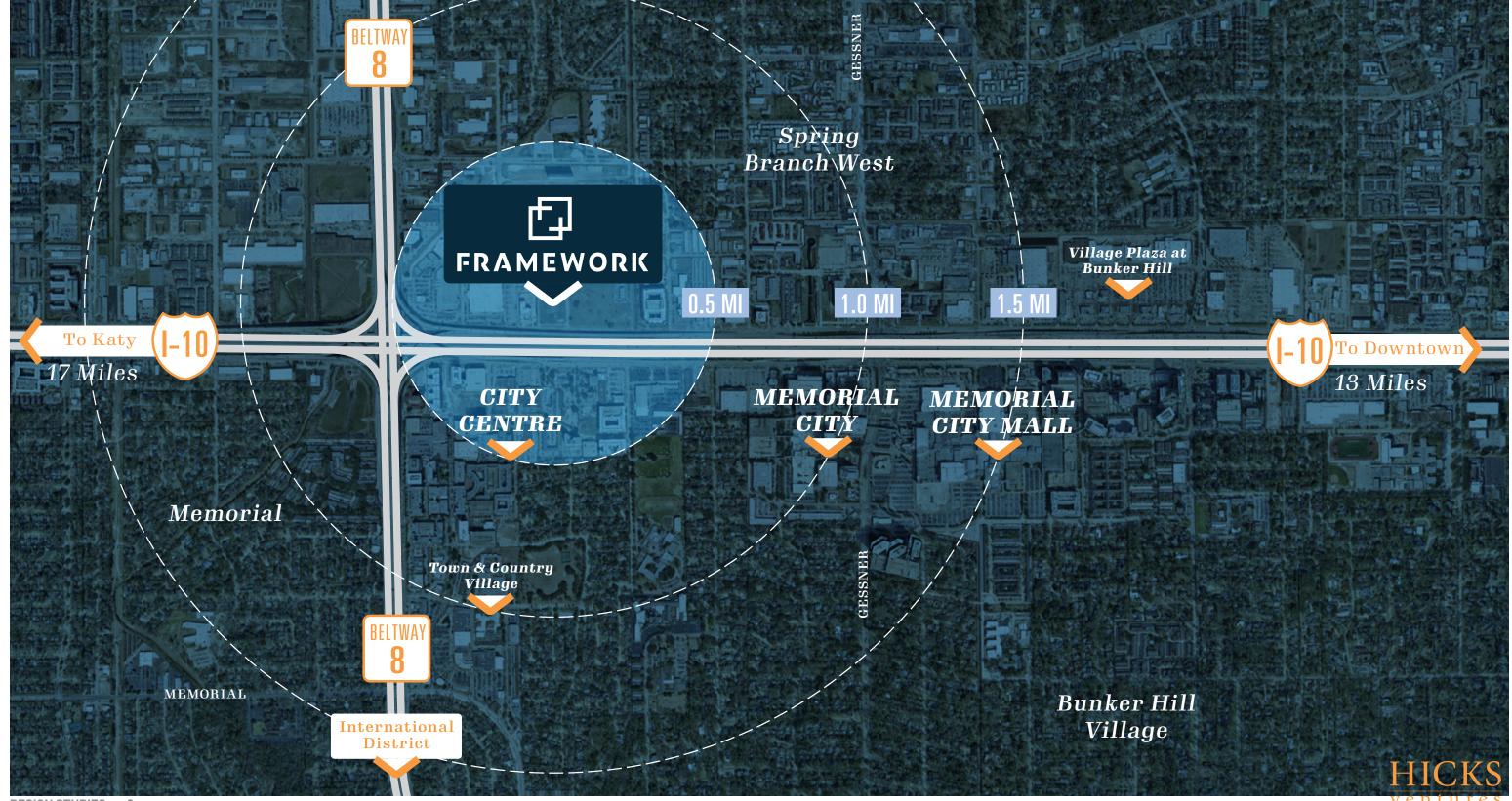








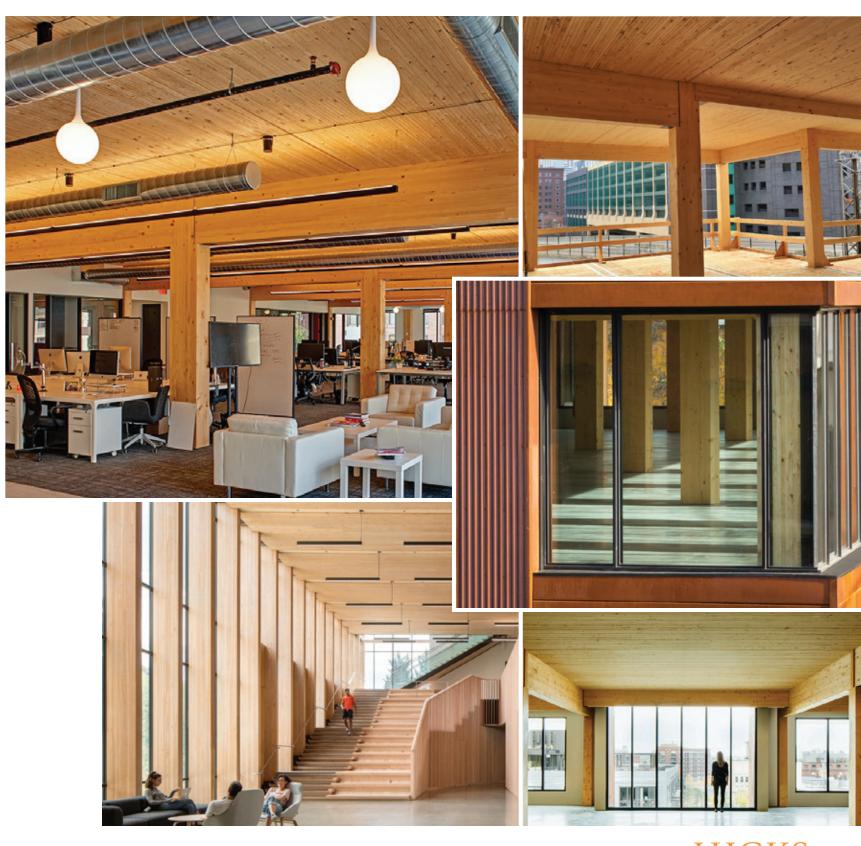
# Market Context



#### FIRST MASS TIMBER BUILDING IN CENTRAL WEST HOUSTON











# Sustainability 10-Point Plan

1.

Prioritize Low-Carbon Materials

Mass Timber, CLT, low carbon steel, concrete, flooring, ceilings, and wallboard.

2.

Optimize Passive Performance

Orientation, window-to-wall ratio, thermal mass, operable windows, daylight, F2F height, expanded temperature operating band, and balconies

3.

Generate and Store Clean Power On-Site

Generate and store clean power on-site with PV, BIPV, Solar Thermal, and plenty of Battery storage. 4.

Embrace Lower Carbon Construction

Modulated design elements and mass timber construction can reduce the construction time and overall carbon emissions.

**5**.

Specify Energy Efficient Everything

LED lighting, Energy Star equipment and appliances, regenerative elevators, heat pumps, DC/flow voltage network.

6.

Design for Smart Operations

Sensors, Controls, interactive grid, demand response vehicle to grid connectivity.

7.

Bring on the Plants

Design, construct & maintain interior plantings and exterior landscapes to maximize healthy air and carbon sequestration opportunities.

8.

Design to Use Carbon-Free Energy

Go all electric, ground source, heat recovery. Eliminate oil and gas.
Always be on the lookout for new innovative technologies.

9.

Source Certified GHG Free Energy

Enter into long-term purchase contracts with local utilities, new renewable energy PPAs.

**10.** 

Offset the Rest

Purchase Gold certified carbon offset credits to offset the remaining operating and embodied carbon footprint.

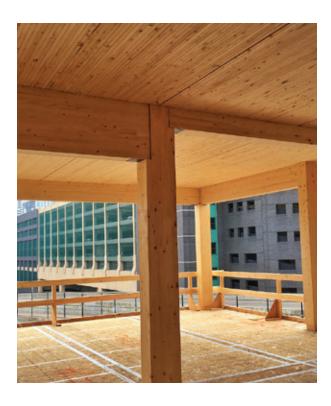




# Three Building Design Pillars

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Optimize Passive Performance

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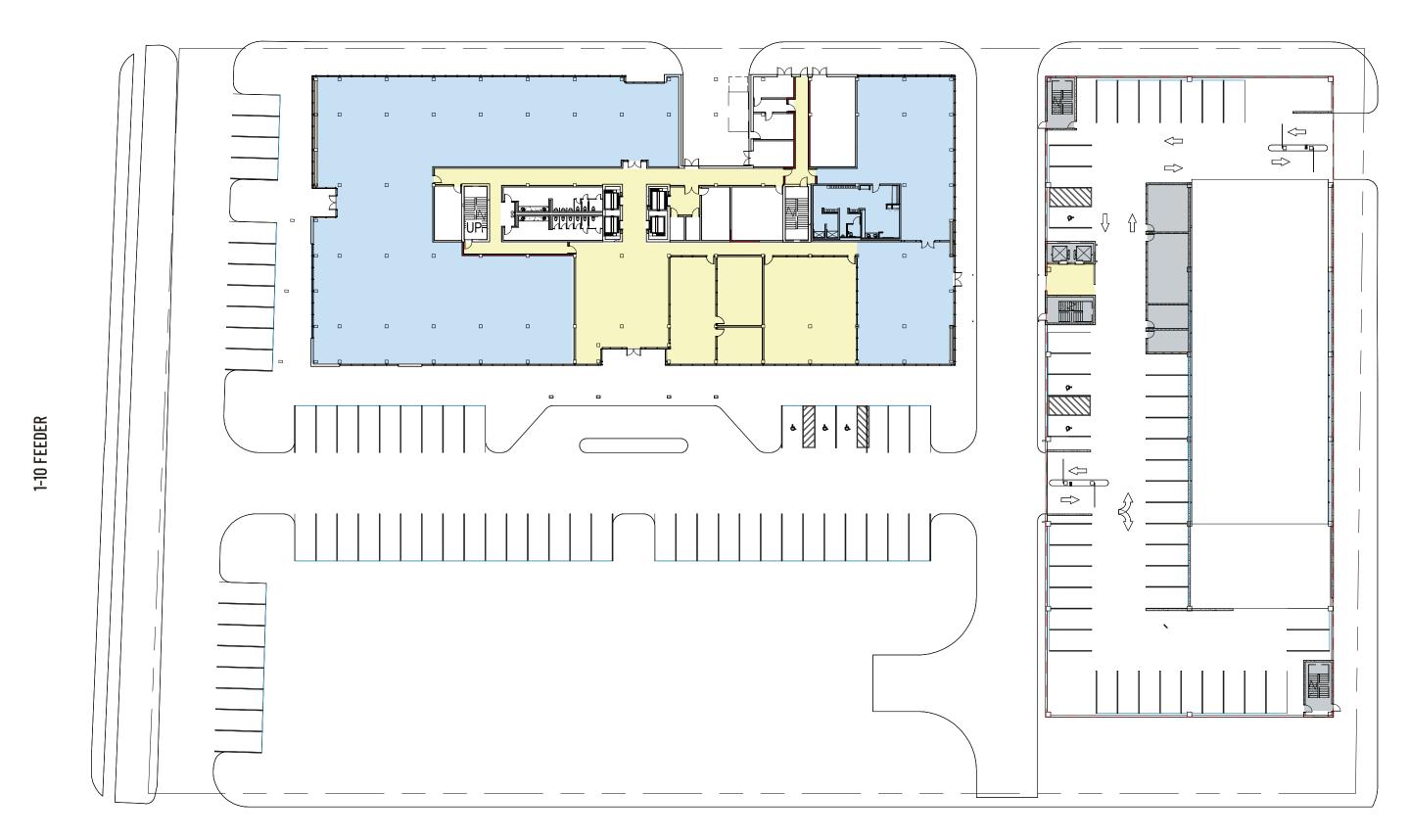








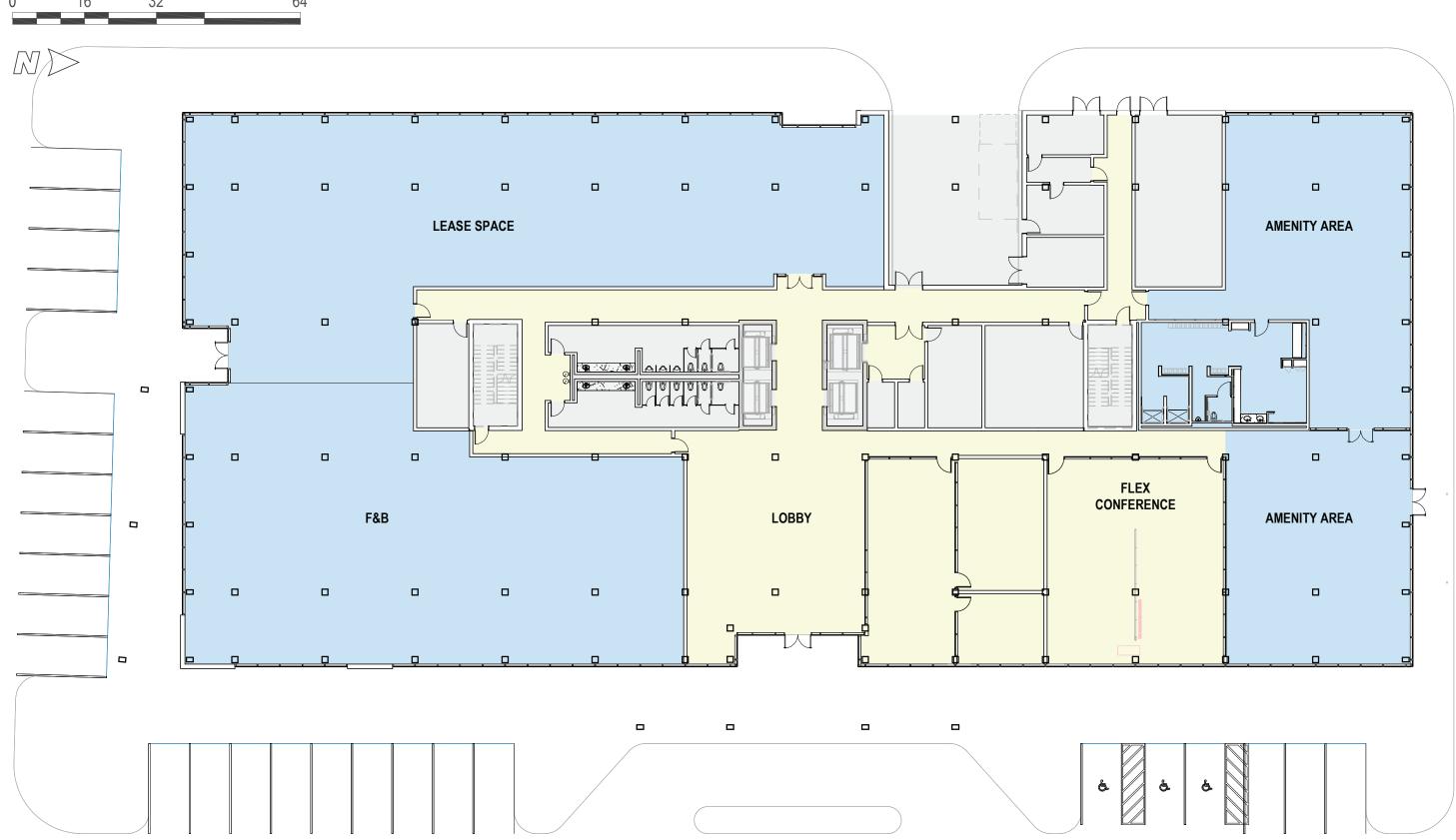






### Ground Floor

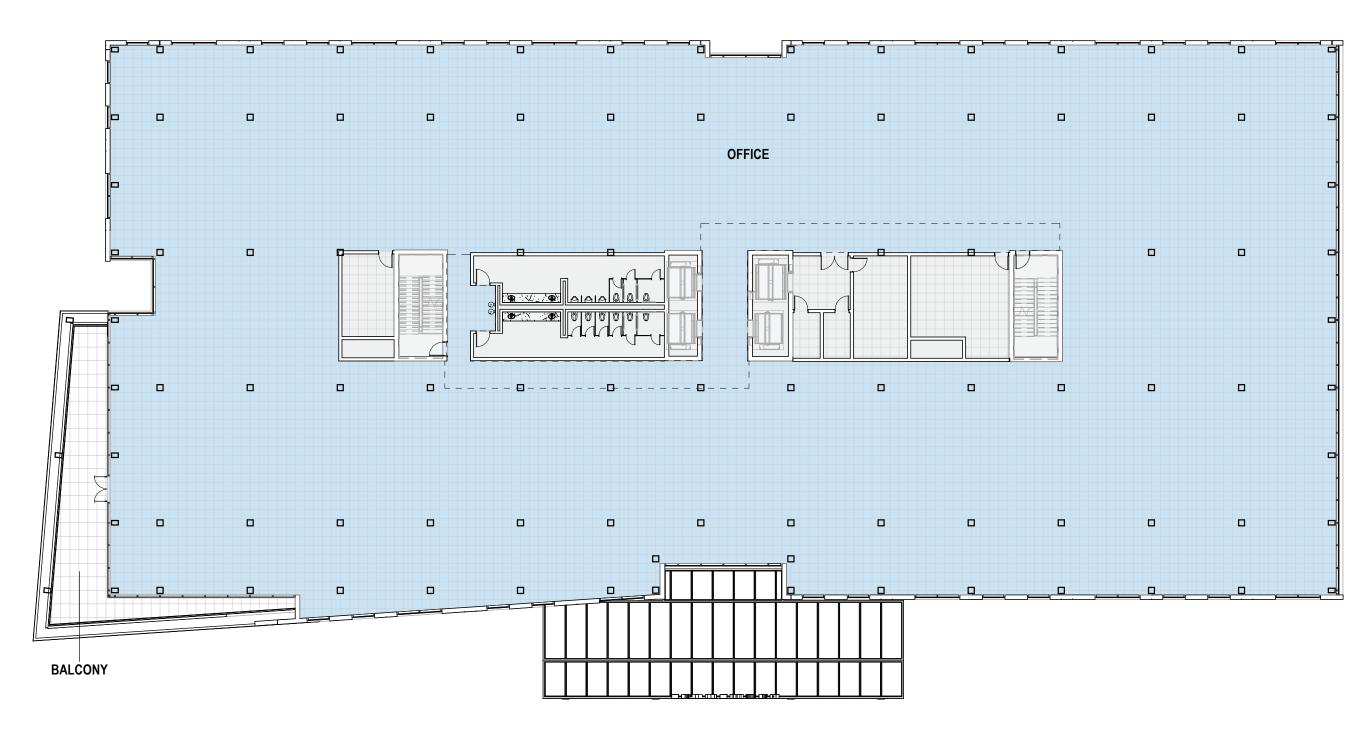










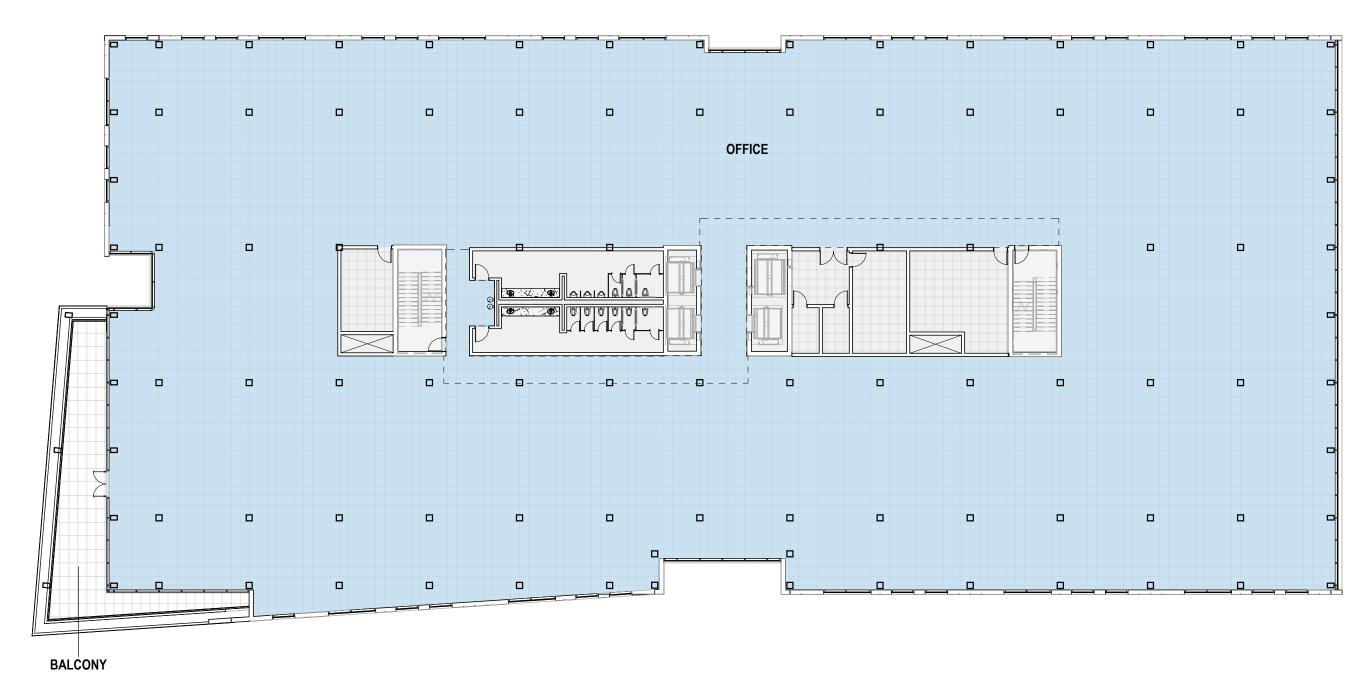










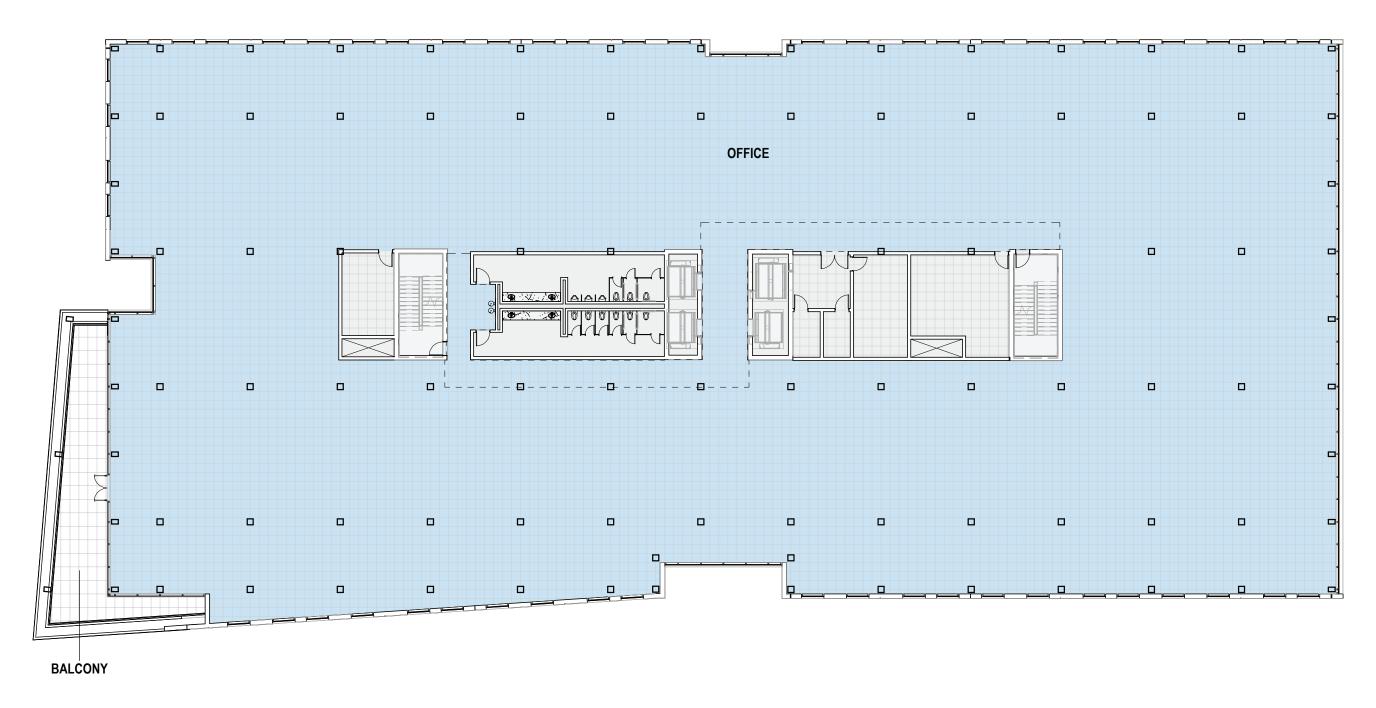










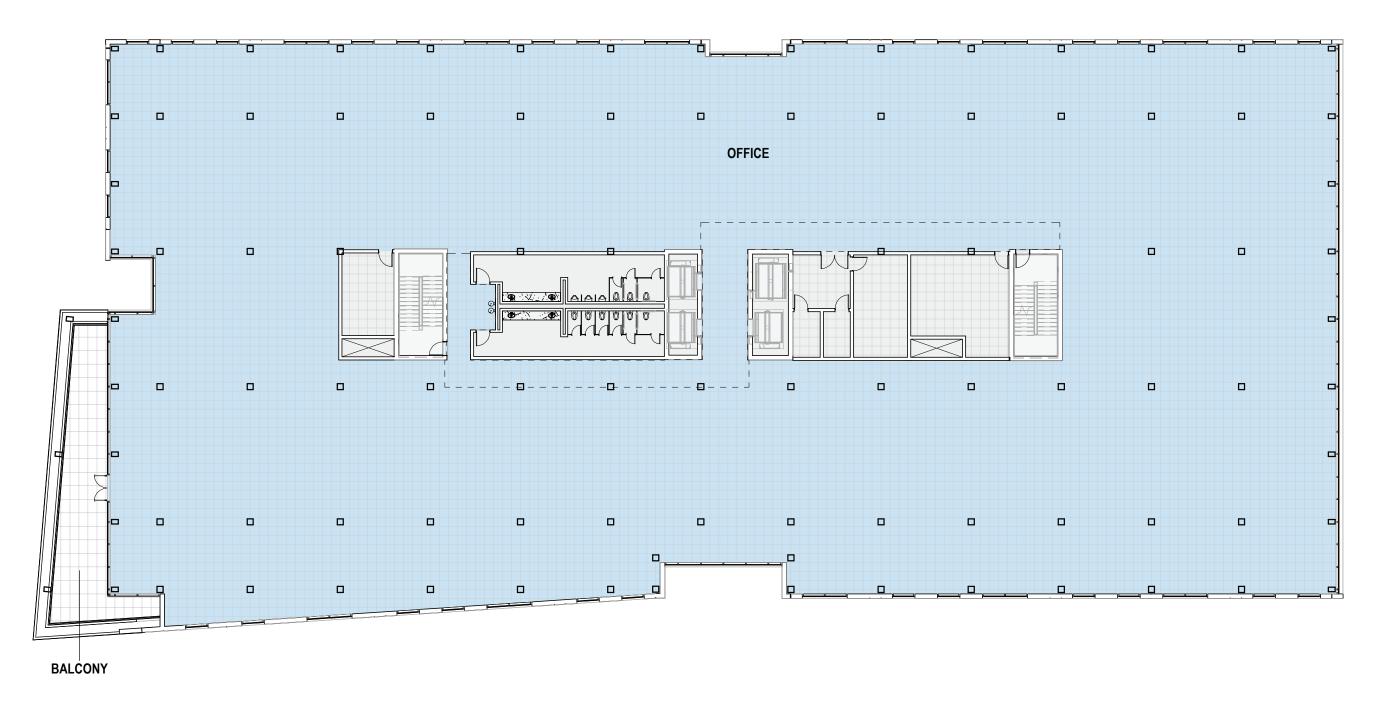








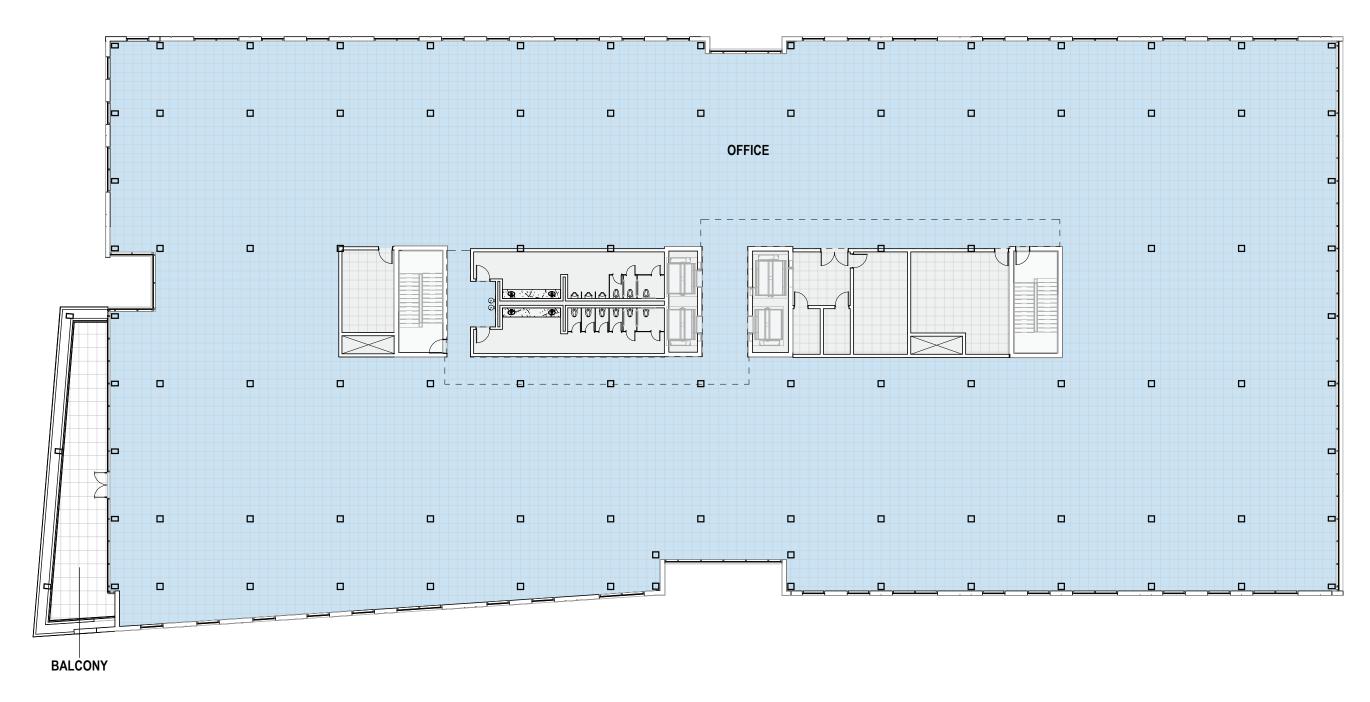


























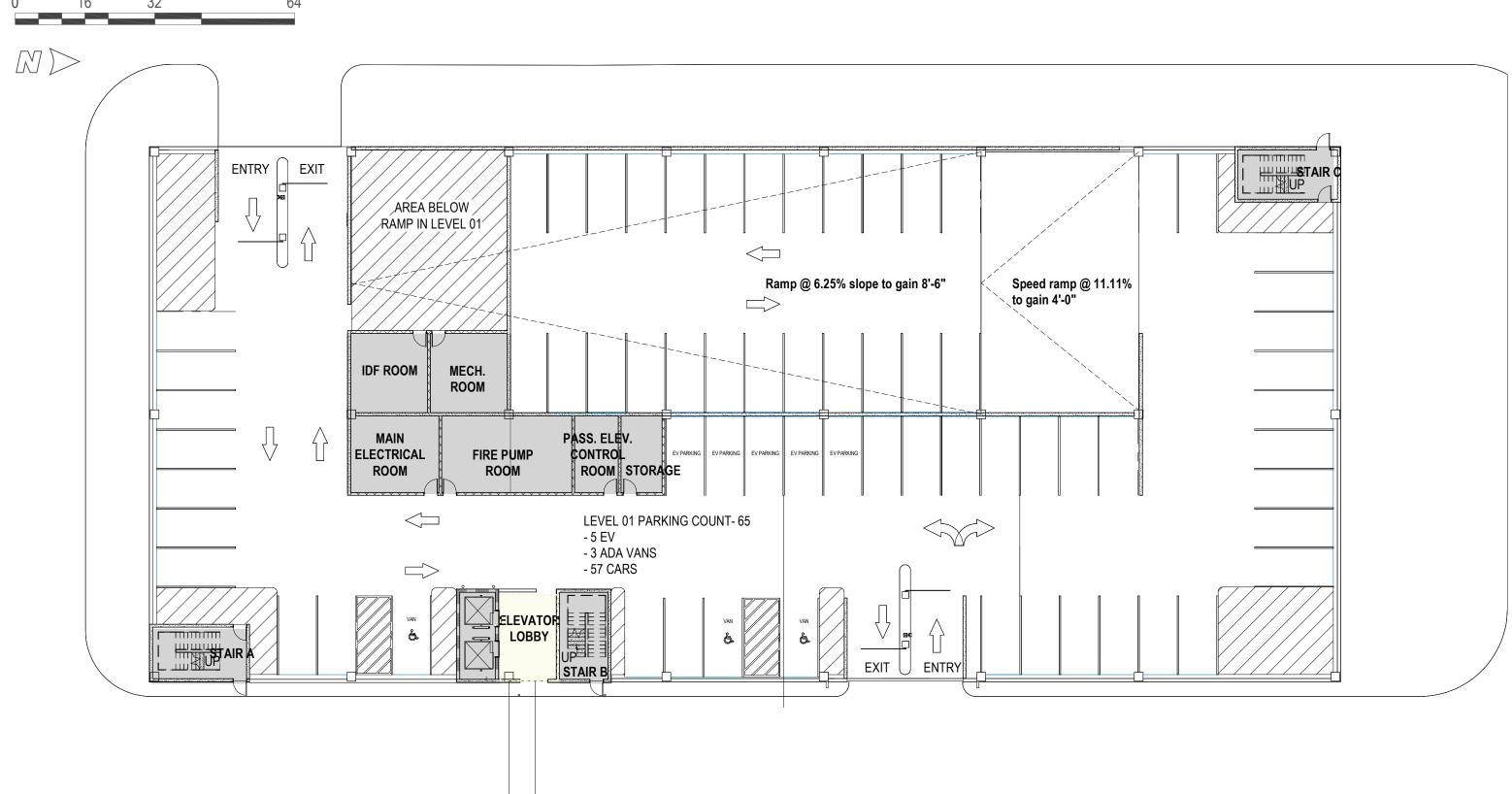






#### Parking Garage | Ground Floor





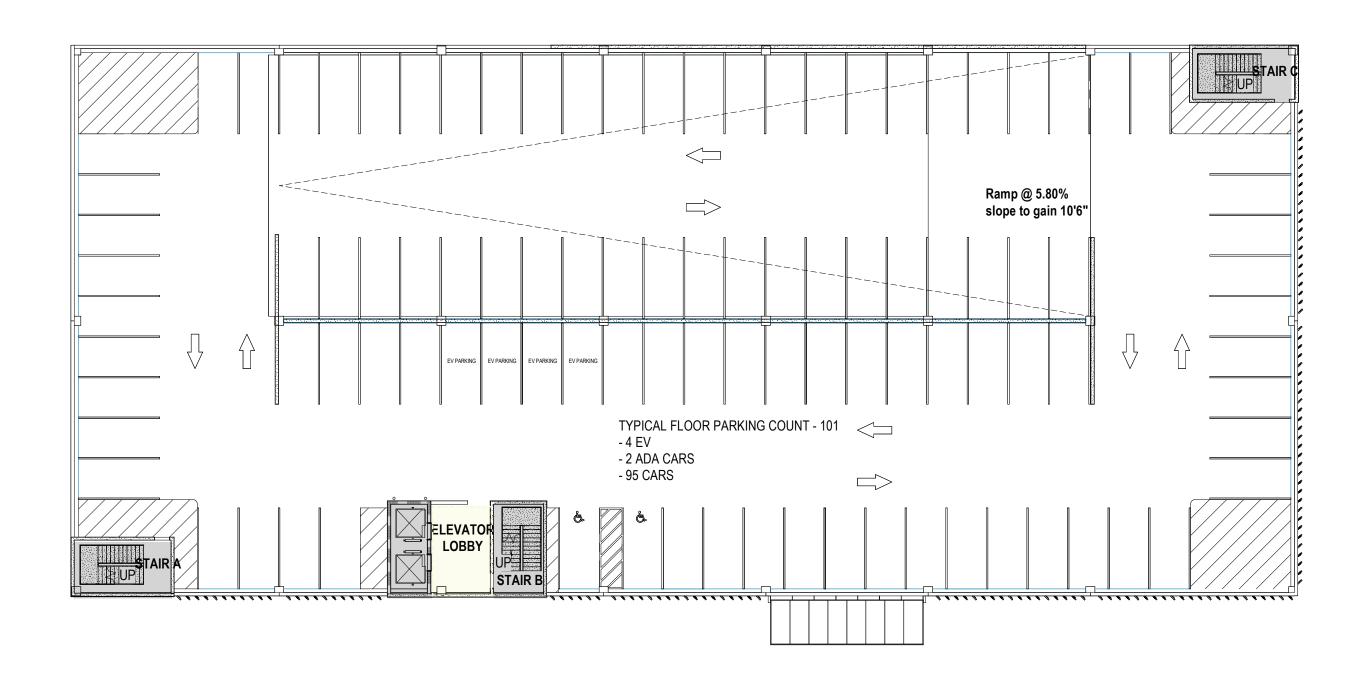


## Parking Garage | Typical Level













# Preliminary Floor Calculations

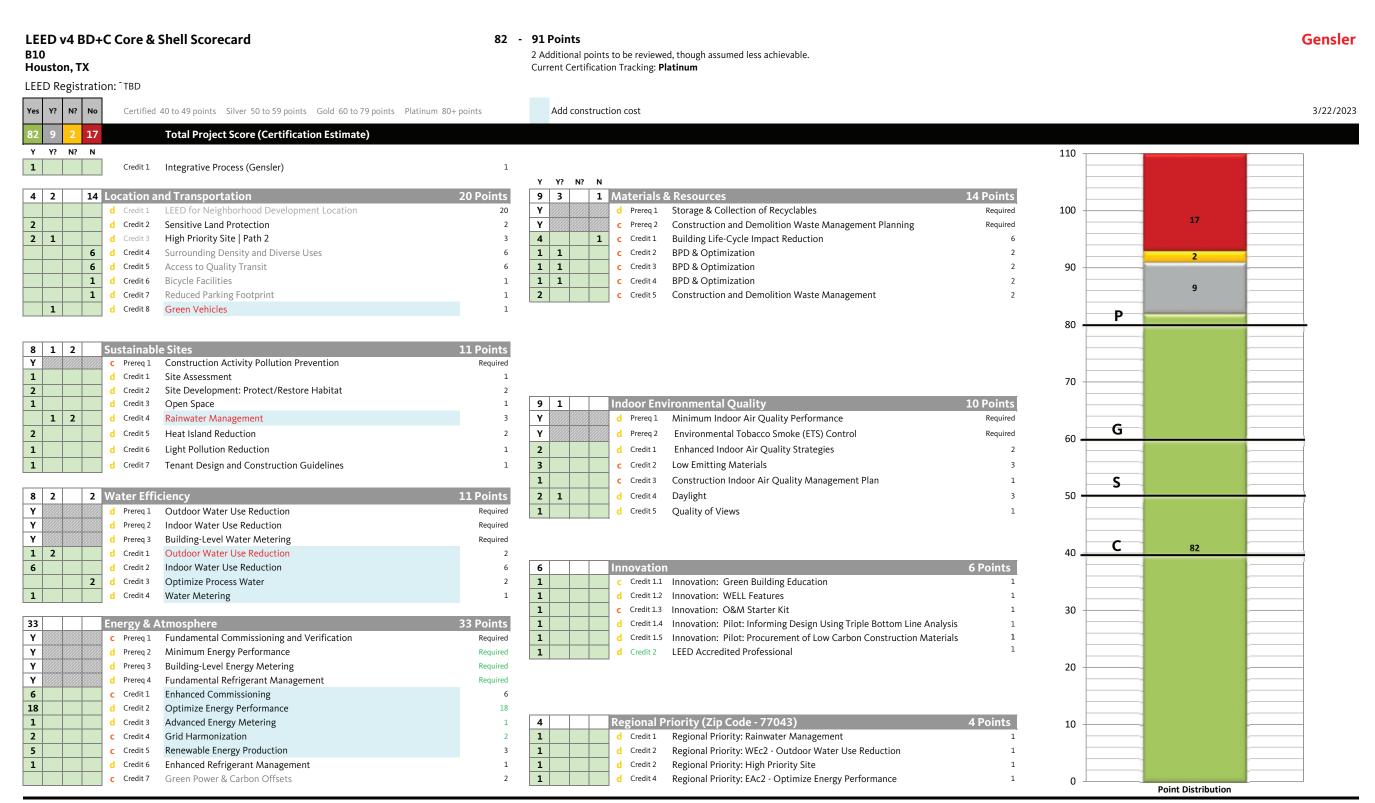
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Block 10 Office							
Level 01	33,000		170				
Lease	22,600	7.0 x 1000 SF	158				
Office	0	3.5 x 1000 SF	0				
Lounge/Lobby	4,800	2.5 x 1000 SF	12				
вон	5,700						
Level 02	33,300		104				
Lease	0	7.0 x 1000 SF	0				
Office	28,600	3.5 x 1000 SF	100				
Lounge/Lobby	1,400	2.5 x 1000 SF	04				
вон	3,300						
Level 03	33,300		104				
Lease	0	7.0 x 1000 SF	0				
Office	28,600	3.5 x 1000 SF	100				
Lounge/Lobby	1,400	2.5 x 1000 SF	04				
вон	3,300						
Level 04	33,300		104				
Lease	0	7.0 x 1000 SF	0				
Office	28,600	3.5 x 1000 SF	100				
Lounge/Lobby	1,400	2.5 x 1000 SF	04				
ВОН	3,300						

Building Description	Rentable (SF)	Parking Ratio	Parking REQ	Parking Provided			
Block 10 Office							
Level 05	33,300		104				
Lease	0	7.0 x 1000 SF	0				
Office	28,600	3.5 x 1000 SF	100				
Lounge/Lobby	1,400	2.5 x 1000 SF	04				
вон	3,300						
Level 06	33,300		104				
Lease	0	7.0 x 1000 SF	0				
Office	28,600	3.5 x 1000 SF	100				
Lounge/Lobby	1,400	2.5 x 1000 SF	04				
вон	3,300						
TOTAL	199,500		690				
Parking Garage	32,000/lvl			729			
Parking Surface				62			
TOTAL				791			
GRAND TOTAL OF PROJECT SQUARE FOOTAGE	455,500						





## LEED Scorecard



Only credits in the "YES" column will be counted toward a projects LEED certification goal

