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# SFI IS A CORNERSTONE OF GREEN BUILDING

## THE CHOICE OF BUILDING MATERIALS HAS A HUGE IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Wood's inherent properties – as a sustainable, natural, and renewable resource – make it an excellent environmental choice for any new construction or renovation. As the largest single forest certification standard in the world, the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) program is well-positioned to meet the growing demand for certified products.

Many of wood's positive attributes depend in part on whether the forest resource is responsibly managed and renewed. Third party- forest certification standards like the Sustainable Forestry Initiative offer a proof point that the forest has been managed for multiple environmental, social and economic values – today and into the future.

More and more buyers – including governments, businesses and individuals – are asking for wood products from responsible sources. Products certified to SFI are recognized by many leading green building rating programs around the world.

Architects and builders choose wood because it looks great, has numerous environmental characteristics – including renewability – and is easy to work with.

In addition, trees absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere as they grow, sequestering and storing the carbon while producing oxygen – this reduces greenhouse gases and improves air quality. Forests provide many other benefits, including clean air and water, habitat for wildlife, commercially valuable products like wood, and employment for local communities.



**In 2016, The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) issued an Alternative Compliance Path (ACP) that recognizes wood from the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) program. USGBC issued the ACP under the Material and Resources credit in both LEED 2009 and LEED v4 rating tools. This move will further strengthen the LEED program and expand support for using responsibly sourced wood in building design and construction.**

# PROMOTING RESPONSIBLE FORESTRY THROUGH GREEN BUILDING PROGRAMS

There are many credible green building rating systems that recognize the value of multiple forest certification standards, and offer credits for products certified to these forest certification standards, including SFI.

RATING SYSTEM	LOCATION	RECOGNIZES ALL CREDIBLE CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS (INCLUDING SFI)
 ANSI/GBI 01-2010: Green Building Assessment Protocol for Commercial Buildings		YES
 ANSI/ICC 700-2012: National Green Building Standard		YES
 ASHRAE - Standard 189.1		YES
 ASTM - D7612-10		YES
 BIFMA e3-2010: Furniture Sustainability Standard		YES
 BREEAM		YES
 Built Green Program		YES
 CASBEE		YES
 Composite Panel Association Log		YES
 Green Globes		YES
 Green Star Program		YES
 International Green Construction Code		YES
 U.S. Green Building Council		YES

