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Michigan Green Building Collaborative 2025 Annual Party & Leadership Awards Ceremony & Announcement of This Year's Leadership Award Recipients

GRAND RAPIDS, MI—The Michigan Green Building Collaborative (MiGBC) is pleased to announce the winners of the 2025 Leadership Awards:

Certified Green Building Multifamily Low-Rise

— Spire Development, *Center City Lofts*

Certified Green Building Commercial Interiors —

Penske Logistics - *Livonia*

Certified Green Building New Construction —

Michigan Technological University, *H-STEM*

Engineering and Health Technologies Complex

2030 Leadership — Lori Thomas

Changemaker — Darren Riley

Green Schools Champion — Lowell Area

School District, *Alto Elementary*

Innovative Project: 1st Place — Department of

Natural Resources, *Newberry Customer Service*

Center

Innovative Project: 2nd Place — THRIVE

Collaborative, *Veridian at County Farm*

Innovative Project: 3rd Place — Michigan

State University, *Dairy Cattle Teaching and*

Research Center

The MiGBC Leadership Awards promote outstanding green building initiatives by recognizing projects, organizations, and people who have made extraordinary contributions to achieving healthy, energy-efficient green buildings in the state of Michigan.

This year we recognized 7 projects that showcase true leadership in sustainability and 2 individuals who have made meaningful contributions to drawing down carbon and expanding access to critical public health data.

“This year's award recipients are being honored for their exceptional leadership, innovation, and dedication, which have resulted in outstanding contributions to our community and our built environment. We are proud to celebrate the 2025 Awardees, whose work serves as a powerful inspiration and continues to drive meaningful progress,” said Cheri Holman, Executive Director of MiGBC.

The awardees were honored at the 2025 Annual Party & Leadership Awards Ceremony on December 11, 2025. Hosted by MiGBC, the evening event was held at the HighFive Grand Rapids located in the city's downtown. The program included a keynote address by Jason McLennan, creator of the Living Building Challenge and author of the WELL Building Standard, the Awards Ceremony, and a celebration of the year's accomplishments!

Congratulations to our 9 Leadership Awardees of 2025! To learn more about their accomplishments and to see photos from the event visit our [Annual Party & Leadership Awards Ceremony page](#)- where you can also read our 2025 Annual Report.

About MiGBC

Founded in 2004 as the U.S. Green Building Council of West Michigan, our organization has fostered collaboration between stakeholders, shared resources, hosted conferences, and established cornerstone initiatives that cultivate a sustainable future.

In 2024, our organization transitioned to the Michigan Green Building Collaborative (MiGBC) to expand our focus to be state-wide. Over the years, we have acted as thought partners on numerous initiatives across the state, a role we are dedicated to continuing and expanding.

Our mission is to transform the way buildings and communities are designed, built, and operated, in a way that improves the quality of life in Michigan. We believe in the power of partnership to create lasting impact. The organization accomplishes its mission through education, advocacy, programs, and competitions such as the [Grand Rapids 2030 District](#), the [Lansing 2030 District](#), and [Michigan Battle of the Buildings](#).

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