

## **Definition of Green (Sustainable) Building**

The Green Building Policy and Plan builds on the City's [Sustainable Building Policy C532](#). The definition of a Sustainable Building:

Sustainable building integrates building materials and methods that promote environmental quality, economic vitality, and social benefits through the design, construction and operation of the built environment. Sustainable building merges sound, environmentally responsible practices into a discipline that looks at the environmental, economic and social effects of a building or built project as a whole.

Sustainable design encompasses the following broad topics: efficient management of energy and water resources, management of material resources and waste, protection of environmental quality, protection of health and indoor environmental quality, reinforcement of natural systems, and integrating the design approach.