Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, or LEED, is a green building certification system that provides third-party verification that a building or community was designed and built with the aim of improving performance across certain metrics:

- Energy savings
- Water efficiency
- Carbon dioxide emissions reduction
- Improved indoor environmental quality
- Stewardship of resources
- Sensitivity to environmental impact
How Do We Rate?

Panola Gardens

platinum = Best
gold = Outstanding
silver = Great
certified = Good

ENERGY EFFICIENCY
Energy-Star appliances — such as refrigerators and dishwashers — and energy-saving light devices, fixtures and bulbs are used throughout the building as a means of saving both energy and reducing utility costs.

NON-TOXIC PEST CONTROL
All cracks and joints are caulked, and pest-proof screens installed.

DURABILITY
The building was remodeled using quality control practices and best construction methods to promote durability and high performance of the building components and enclosure.

BUILDING MATERIALS
The building is constructed with many locally or regionally manufactured or sourced materials. The materials are environmentally friendly, consisting of low VOC finishes (eliminating the “new paint” and “new carpet” smells), green-label carpets and pads, formaldehyde-free composite woods, and Forest Stewardship Council-certified wood products.

WATER CONSERVATION
Panola Gardens uses “Very High Efficiency” fixtures and fittings on their faucets, showers and toilets to conserve as much water as possible.

For more information on the LEED program and rating system, visit the U.S. Green Building Council website at: usgbc.org/leed

DENSITY
The property contains 85 units within 2 acres of land, achieving a moderate density of 40 units per acre.