

We need to establish a solid new direction for the state — one that creates more prosperous, secure and sustainable communities.



A nationally-recognized green building initiative that reviews and certifies new homes, multi-family units and remodeling projects that meet sustainable building and energy standards.



Educates and supports businesses that make a strong commitment to more sustainable business practices.



Highlights the role builders, developers, property owners and communities can play by implementing best practices to improve our waters.



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It's time to move beyond the partisan rhetoric and carry out a visionary, yet realistic plan that yields results:

- Main Streets with vibrant public spaces that support thriving local businesses
- More job creation and economic development
- Energy security through clean, renewable sources
- Water sustainability and stewardship
- Smarter, more affordable housing
- Re-balancing our food production through urban agriculture and entrepreneurship
- Reduced social/economic disparities
- Universities as sustainability hubs



For more on Wisconsin Environmental Initiative (WEI), please visit: **www.weigogreener.org** 

## How do we restore Wisconsin's tradition of environmental stewardship?

- Rely on good science and local control
- Promote green urbanism, green building and green infrastructure investments
- New business models and sustainable practices as a powerful force for good
- Reward good actors through economic incentives and expedited review
- Require more rigorous standards and enforcement for bad actors
- Apply new stewardship tools and innovative strategies
- Make smart investments in clean, renewable energy, the emerging "bio-economy" and advanced manufacturing.
- Develop a green benchmark and brand for Wisconsin.

We can have a green and growing
Wisconsin
that respects
our heritage
and tradition of
environmental
stewardship if
we embrace a more
collaborative, practical
and effective way forward.