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www.usgbc.org

www.energystar.gov

www.healthybuilt homes.org

www.nahb.org



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Green Construction Permitting Incentive Plan



The Green Building incentives section of Catawba County's building fee structure is a special allowance to provide an incentive for building in accordance with LEED, Energy Star, and/or NC HealthyBuilt Homes.

The incentive based fee structure is intended to promote and increase renewable/sustainable energy technologies and green building certifications for homes and commercial buildings in Catawba County.

Various permit and plan review incentives are available for new and existing construction. To qualify, the owner/builder needs to obtain all permitting from Catawba County and a green building certification from a third party agency (LEED, Energy Star etc). For new construction, once a Certificate of Occupancy is issued, a percentage of the permit fees will be reimbursed to the permit holder.

For existing structures, upon completion of final inspection, permit fee rebates will be issued to the permit holder.

Catawba County will rebate 50% of fees related to plan review or express plan review for commercial buildings seeking LEED certification.

Regular fees must be paid in full at time of plan review or permit issuance. Fee rebates will be refunded upon project completion and certification by third party inspection agency.

New Structure

Certification Agency	Incentive
USGBC Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)	25% Rebate of Blanket Permit Fee (Not to Exceed \$500.00)
NC HealthyBuilt Home	25% Rebate of Blanket Permit Fee (Not to Exceed \$500.00)
USEPA Energy Star	25% Rebate of Blanket Permit Fee (Not to Exceed \$500.00)
NAHB Model Green Building Home Guideline	25% Rebate of Blanket Permit Fee (Not to Exceed \$500.00)
ICC/NAHB National Green Building Standard	25% Rebate of Blanket Permit Fee (Not to Exceed \$500.00)

Existing Structure-Commercial Installations

Single System	Mechanical Fee	Electrical Fee	Plumbing Fee	Building Fee
Geothermal Heat Pump	50% Rebate (\$50.00 value)	50% Rebate (\$12.50 value)		
Photo Voltaic Energy System		50% Rebate (\$30.50 value)		
Solar Hot Water Heating		50% Rebate (\$12.50 value)	50% Rebate (\$25.00 value)	
Gray/Rain Water collection for flushing fixtures			50% Rebate (\$30.50 value)	

Existing Structure-One & Two Family Dwellings

Single System	Mechanical Fee	Electrical Fee	Plumbing Fee	Building Fee
Geothermal Heat Pump	50% Rebate (\$27.50 value)	50% Rebate (\$12.50 value)		
Photo Voltaic Energy System		50% Rebate (\$30.50 value)		
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