

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 2021-005

LEADERSHIP IN ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN ("LEED")

WHEREAS, Baltimore County has an obligation to meet the needs of the present generation without compromising the physical environment or the ability of future generations to meet their own needs;

WHEREAS, the Baltimore County Executive is moving aggressively to meet Baltimore County's goal of reducing per-square-foot electricity consumption and to utilize renewable energy sources to generate or displace at least twenty (20) percent of the County's electric demand, including converting methane gas to renewable energy at the Eastern Sanitary Landfill, entering into energy performance contracts for two of the County's largest buildings, purchasing renewable energy and prioritizing the installation of solar panels on County property;

WHEREAS, the Baltimore County Enterprise Strategic Plan sets a sustainability goal to ensure the long-term sustainability of the County's public and internal government infrastructure, safeguard the County's ecology and climate, and set a strategy to reduce county government energy consumption; and

WHEREAS, the Baltimore County Executive is committed to ensuring that Baltimore County's capital budget supports investments in sustainable construction which reduce energy consumption and the ongoing costs to operate County facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, on this ______ day of February, 2021, by the Baltimore County Executive, it is hereby ordered that Baltimore County shall take all necessary steps to integrate the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design ("LEED") Silver standards as a minimum standard for the construction of all new County facilities and major renovations to existing County facilities, with a particular focus on integrating technologies and design, material and construction elements that generate lower long-term operating expenses.

This Order remains effective until rescinded, superseded, amended, or revised by additional orders.

The effect of any statute, rule or regulation of any agency of Baltimore County, Maryland inconsistent with this Order is hereby suspended.

A copy of this Executive Order shall be made available on-line at www.baltimorecountymd.gov for the public.

ISSUED under My Hand this __3nd day of February, 2021, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

ATTEST:

Dawn Kile

Executive Secretary

John A. Olszewski, Jr.

County Executive

Reviewed for Form and Legal Sufficiency and approved for Execution.

James R. Benjamin, Jr.

County Attorney