

# Queens Botanical Garden Visitor Center

16,000 SF Interpretive center

Received LEED Platinum certification in 2008

Part of extensive new masterplan that reimagines garden



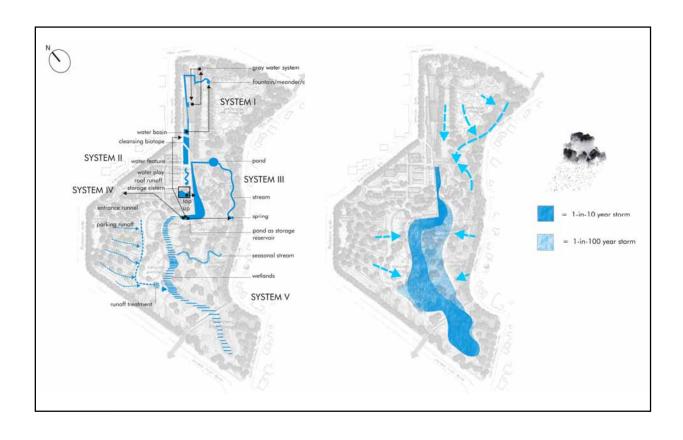


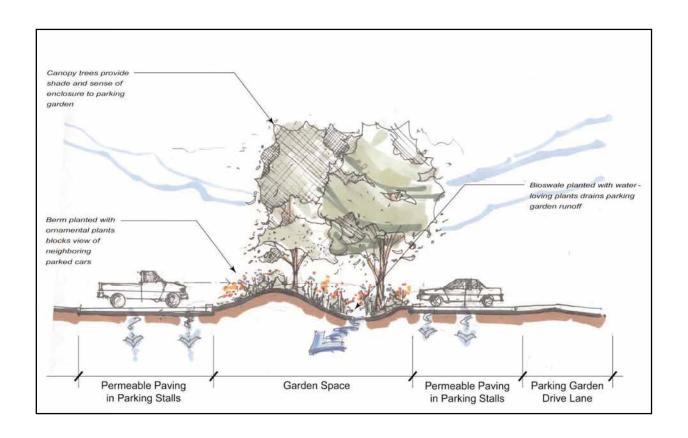


# Masterplan

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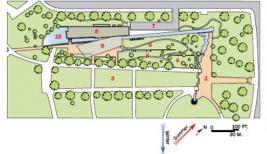






# Siteplan

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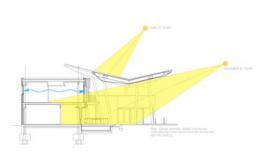




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# Site

Large canopy open to South shelters outdoor space and extends usage into cold weather months.





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# Site

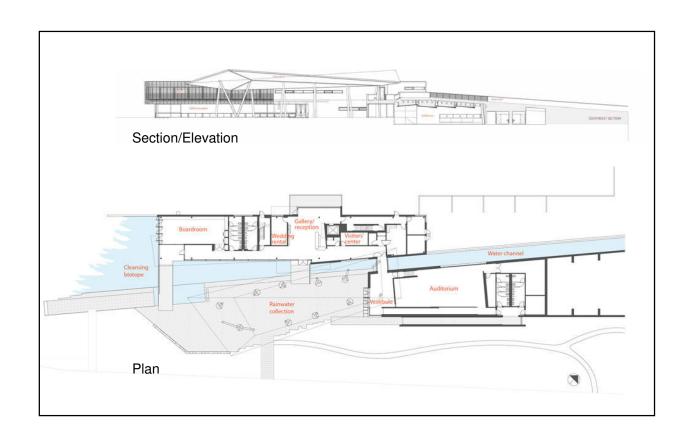
Green roof above the auditorium is planted with native species.

A recent summertime test of roof temperatures found;

- The black weatherproofing membrane on admin bldg at 170 degrees.
- The white PVC water-collection roof over the plaza at 115 degrees.
- The green roof came in at 85 degrees, the ambient temperature that day.









# Water

Rainwater cascades into cleansing biotope from canopy.

Public toilets supplied by graywater cleansed in constructed wetland.

Constructed wetland recycles up to 4,000 gallons of water weekly.







### Materials

Local materials constituted 33% of materials used

Recycled content materials

- Wallboard, tile, carpet, office systems and bathroom partitions
- Concrete used for cast-in-place and architectural applications includes blast furnace slag and recycled steel reinforcing.

### FSC certified woods

- Black locust for brise soleil, bridges and outdoor benches.
- · Red cedar for siding

# Rapidly renewable materials

• Bamboo Panels and Veneer



# **Indoor Environment**

Narrow footprint and open plan allow 84% of occupied spaces to be daylit

No and low VOC materials protect air quality

Operable windows

Ventilation air controlled by CO2 sensors

Building employs a Digital Addressable Lighting Interface (DALI) which automatically adjusts lighting based on available daylight and occupancy







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# Energy

Energy systems use 41% less energy than comparable building primarily through ground source heat pumps, natural ventilation, daylighting and controls.

### Annual End-Use Breakdown

End Use	Quantity	MMBtu	kBtu/ft2
Heating	132 MMBtu	132	8.34
Cooling	29.9 MMBtu	29.9	1.89
Lighting	116 MMBtu	116	7.33
Fans/Pumps	175 MMBtu	175	11.1
Plug Loads and Equipment	55 MMBtu	55	3.47
Vertical Transport	43 MMBtu	43	2.72
Domestic Hot Water	2.7 MMBtu	2.7	0.171
Exterior lighting	76 MMBtu	76	4.8

### **Annual Purchased Energy Use**

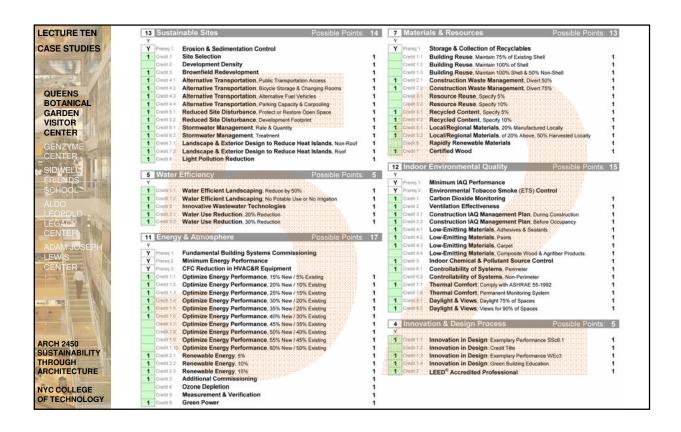
Fuel	Quantity	Cost(\$)	MMBtu	kBtu/ft2	\$/ft2
Electricity	163,000 kWh	\$13,766.00	556	35.1	\$0.87
Natural Gas	0 MMBtu		0	0	

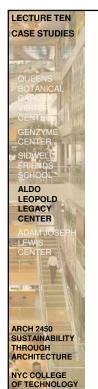
### Annual On-site Renewable Energy Production

Fuel	Quantity	MMBtu	kBtu/ft2	
Photovoltaics	74.7 MMBtu	74.7	4.72	

### **Total Annual Building Energy Consumption**

Fuel	Cost	MMBtu	kBtu/ft2	\$/ft2
Total Purchased	\$13,766.00	556	35.1	\$0.87
Total On-Site Renewable		74.7	4.72	
Grand Total	\$13,766.00	630	39.8	\$0.87



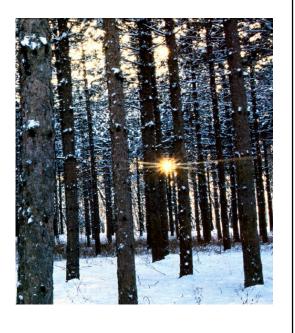


# The Aldo Leopold Legacy Center

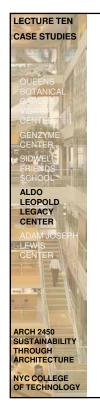
12,000 SF Interpretive center and offices in 3 building complex

Received LEED Platinum certification in 2007 (61 points)

Zero emissions/carbon neutral







# **Indoor Environment**

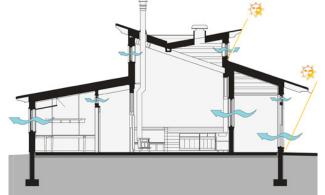
All occupied spaces have natural ventilation

Full daylighting

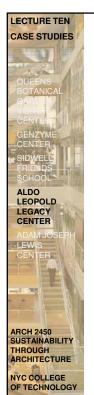
Radiant floor heating

All adhesives, sealants, paints, and composite-wood products specified with low chemical emissions









# Energy

Ground loop heat pump

600 feet of concrete earth tube, 13 feet below the surface, preconditions ventilation air

Demand controlled ventilation

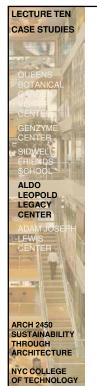
Solar hot water

3000 SF of photovoltaic panels







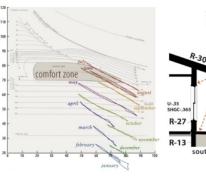


# Energy

Zoning allows 3 season use of appropriate spaces

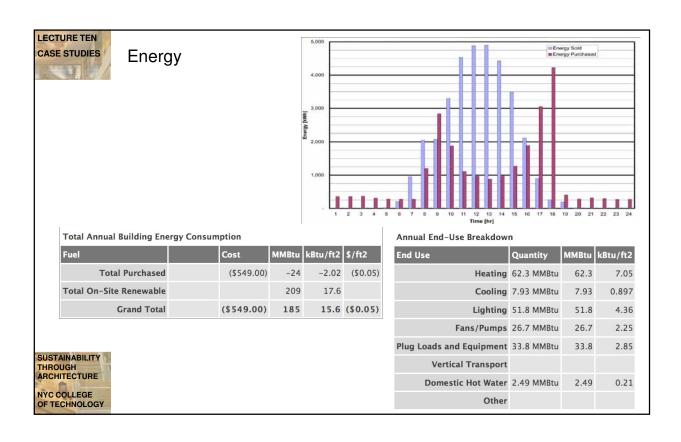
Thermal flux zone between office areas and outdoors

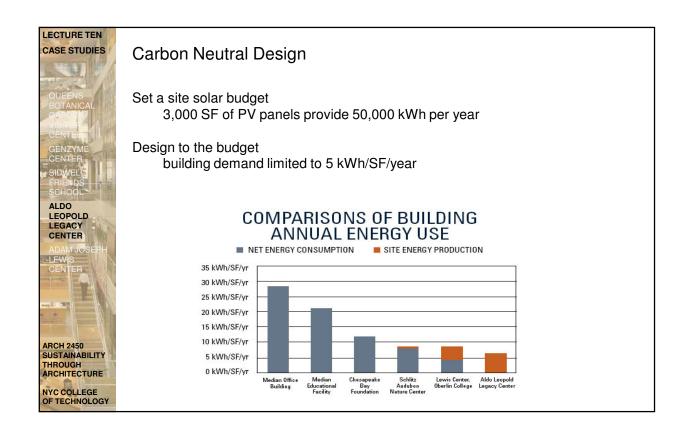
Enclosure insulation levels twice code mandated minimum



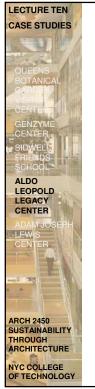








CASE STUDIES	Carbon Neutr	al Analysis	
QUEENS BOTANICAL		Components	Metric tons of CO2
GARDEN VISITOR CENTER	Scope One	direct emissions due to combustion wood stove, ALF vehicle use	19.9
GENZYME CENTER SIDWELL FRIENDS	Scope Two	indirect emissions due to electricity generation	(20.8)
SCHOOL  ALDO LEOPOLD LEGACY CENTER		no emissions, offset credits provided by solar electric generation and green power contract	
ADAM JOSEPH LEWIS CENTER	Scope Three	indirect emissions due to organizational activities Employee commuting, business travel, solid waste removal	25.4
	Sequestration	Carbon absorbed by managed forest	(29.1)
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# Materials

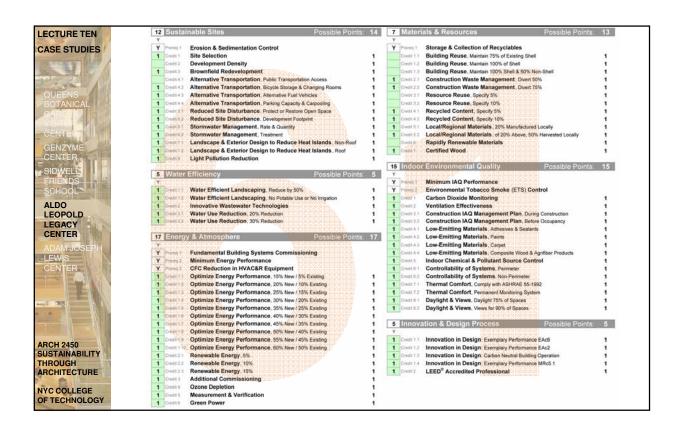
Site harvested cherry, maple, and other woods were used as finish materials and furniture throughout the building.

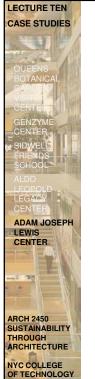
Plaster walls are made of locally obtained sand, clay, and straw.

Stained concrete floors connected to the ground-source heat-pump system provide radiant heating and cooling.









# Adam Joseph Lewis Center for Environmental Studies

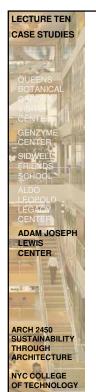


"the most important green building constructed in the last 30 years"

The 13,600 SF educational building opened in 2001

The building serves as an environmental learning lab with continuous ongoing monitoring and modifications

The building is now producing more energy than it consumes



# Site Strategies

A constructed wetland and surrounding meadow ecosystem wrapping around the southeast corner of the building provide habitat for over 70 indigenous plant species and myriad animals.

Food production includes fruit trees and vegetable gardens. Stormwater is fully managed onsite and used for irrigation. Extensive use of native plants



# CASE STUDIES OUEENS BOTANICAL GARDEN VISITOR CENTER GENZYME CENTER SIDWELL FRIENDS SCHOOL ALDO LEOPOLD LEGACY CENTER ADAM JOSEPH LEWIS CENTER ADAM JOSEPH LEWIS CENTER ARCH 2450 SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH ARCHITECTURE NYC COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

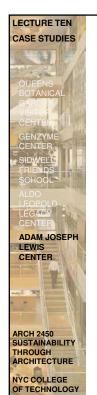
### Water

Wastewater flows through anaerobic and aerobic reactors where biological processes begin to digest wastes. The wastewater then enters the Living Machine® solarium and flows through three open aerobic reactors. Tropical, sub-tropical and native plants such as papyrus, calla lilies and willows assist in the treatment process. Biosolids settle out in a clarifier.

Wastewater then flows through a constructed wetland surrounding the open aerobic tanks for final 'polishing.' Ultraviolet disinfection is the final step prior to the treated wastewater being reused in the buildings' toilets.







# Materials

All wood is FSC certified.

Recycled-content materials were specified for structural steel, brick, the aluminum curtainwall frame, ceramic tile, plastics, and fabrics.

The carpet and access flooring system are products of service, on lease from the manufacturer.

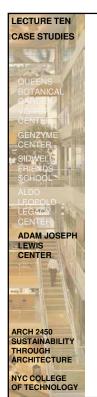
Salvaged materials include brick and stone from the Oberlin campus

Biodegradeable upholstery

Compressed straw panels for acoustics





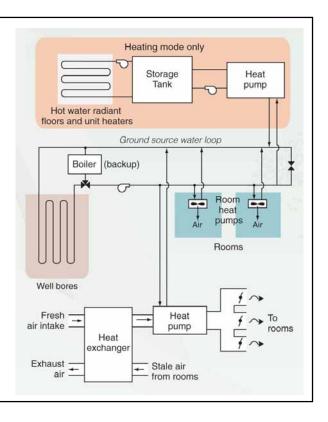


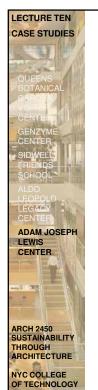
# Energy

24 closed loop geothermal wells (each 240' deep) are coupled to heat pumps to serve building heating and cooling requirements.

A heat exchanger captures heat from exhaust air.

A high performance envelope includes the following component insulation values; R 35 roof, R 21 walls, R 7 windows





# Energy

60kW rooftop PV with additional 100kW array on parking structure. Passive solar atrium and east west orientation maximize daylighting and passive heat gain opportunities.

Occupancy sensors and photoelectric daylight sensors control lighting.

CO2 sensors and automated operable windows control ventilation.

Energy-efficient light fixtures result in a 0.9 watt per ft2 lighting load.

