

City of Lakewood

SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS

2013

Bruce Peoples Eco-Employee Award

Head Start LEED Certification

Sharon Keith Zamora, John Paliga



In 2009, the Community Resources Department's Division of Family Services envisioned building a sustainable **Head Start facility** in the Two Creeks neighborhood. A land donation on 11th Avenue by Metro West Housing Solutions encouraged the initiation of the project, leading to the City's first **Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certified project**.

Sharon Keith Zamora, John Paliga and the late **Bruce Peoples** worked collaboratively with **EJ Architecture**, to complete the project from start to finish. The building and site design focused on sustainable design and construction practices to achieve LEED certification including:

- Density, connectivity and proximity to alternative transportation.
- Water efficient landscaping and irrigation.
- Innovative "thermal mass" wall systems for temperature control.
- Low-emitting building materials.
- Efficient thermal control systems.
- Day lighting.
- Local and recycled-content building materials.

The building will provide the City an overall long-term low cost of ownership because of lowered operating costs (energy and water), and low maintenance, repair and replacements costs.



Project Achievement Area

- Green Design
- Community Health & Engagement
- Economic Sustainability