Rebecca Flora is hired as GBA’s first executive director and full-time employee; she heads GBA for 11+ years and will later (in 2008) become the first female chair of the U.S. Green Building Council.

The Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank (LEED-NC Silver) and KSBA Architects (LEED-NC Bronze) were two of the first 12 LEED-certified buildings in the country.

GBA holds its first local green building conference with 125+ attendees.

PNC Firstside becomes the country’s first green financial institution (LEED-NC Silver).

GBA hosts the first national meeting to develop DASH: Database for Analyzing Sustainable and High Performance Buildings.

Carnegie Mellon University’s Stever House (formerly New House Residence Hall) becomes the country’s first green dormitory (LEED-NC Silver).

Pittsburgh hosts the 2nd annual Greenbuild Conference & Expo at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

GBA officially launches its Green Building Products Initiative (GBPI).

Phipps Conservatory’s Welcome Center becomes the country’s first green welcome center (LEED-NC Silver).

Pittsburgh is ranked #1 nationally for number and square footage of LEED-certified buildings.

Senator John Heinz Pittsburgh Regional History Center, Smithsonian Wing becomes the country’s first green Smithsonian property (LEED-NC Silver).

GBA celebrates 20th anniversary!

GBA hosts over 1,200 networking and educational events as part of its new strategic direction.

GBA’s executive director, Mike Schiller, announces 15 wonderful years of service.

GBA hosts fifth and final round of Product Innovation Grants, culminating in over $1.2 million given over five years to 24 Pennsylvania projects to commercialize green building products.

GBA is local host for the first national 2030 Districts Summit.

Phipps Conservatory’s Center for Sustainable Landscapes opens as first building pursuing the Living Building Challenge in Pennsylvania.

Phipps Conservatory becomes the country’s first green radio station (LEED-NC Silver).

GBA leads the creation and adoption of the Pittsburgh Climate Action Plan, Version 1.

GBA’s second executive director, Holly Childs, is hired.

Point Park University Dance Complex becomes the country’s first green university dance space (LEED-NC Gold).

GBA leads the creation of the Pittsburgh Climate Action Plan, Version 2.


GBA’s offices become the first LEED Platinum space in Western Pennsylvania (LEED-CI Platinum).

GBA hosts the first national meeting to develop DASH: Database for Analyzing Sustainable and High Performance Buildings.

Phipps Conservatory Science Center competes for and wins the first LEED for Existing Building Operations and Maintenance (LEED-EBOM) certification.

GBA develops online learning course about green product labels and certifications.

Phipps Conservatory Science Center becomes the country’s first green Smithsonian property (LEED-NC Silver).

GBA’s executive assistant, Bev Collier, celebrates 15 wonderful years of service.

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Phipps Conservatory Science Center opens as the first LEED Gold (LEED-NC Gold) building.

Consol Energy Center opens as the first LEED Gold (LEED-NC Gold) building.

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