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### **Phipps' Center for Sustainable Landscapes Garneres Dozens of International and National Awards for Sustainability**

**January 2017 (Pittsburgh, PA)** — Unwavering commitment to sustainability and the use of groundbreaking technology and design processes has resulted in [Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens garnering more than 60 awards for its Center for Sustainable Landscapes](#). Designed to be the greenest building in the world, the Center for Sustainable Landscapes at Phipps Conservatory plays an integral part of the public garden's unique visitor experience, and thus is an opportune venue for Phipps to educate about the important interconnections between human and environmental health. Functioning as efficiently as a flower, the CSL generates all of its own renewable energy and treats all storm and sanitary water captured on-site. This education, research and administration facility is the first and only project to attain the planet's highest sustainable building certifications:

- Living Building Challenge, the world's most rigorous green building standard
- LEED® Platinum — tied for the highest points awarded under version 2.2
- First and only Four Stars Sustainable SITES Initiative™ (SITES™) for landscapes project (pilot)
- First and only WELL Building Platinum project (pilot)

Phipps interpretive signage and education and public programs and tours helps the organization to advance its mission and inform the public and industry professionals about what resources are available to enable them to emulate conservation initiatives that can change the world. These efforts have been renowned by various organizations ranging from the federal government to local agencies.

### **Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens Awards and Honors**

#### International

- 2016 Regenerative Business Prize for a Non-Profit, Regenerative Business Alliance
- 2016 American Institute of Architects Committee on the Environment Award (AIA COTE), Top 10 Green Projects
- 2015 International Landscape Design Award, Association of Professional Landscape Designers
- 2015 Living Building Challenge certification for the Center for Sustainable Landscapes
- 2014 Platinum WELL Building certification for the Center for Sustainable Landscapes
- 2014 Net-Zero Energy certification for the Center for Sustainable Landscapes
- 2014 4 Stars Sustainable SITES certification for the Center for Sustainable Landscapes
- 2014 Global Best Project, Engineering News Record
- 2014 Honorable Mention, Public Building, Rethinking the Future
- 2013 Platinum LEED certification for the Center for Sustainable Landscapes
- 2013 Green Good Design™ Award, Nonprofit Category, The European Center for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies; The Chicago Athenaeum: Museum Of Architecture and Design

- 2013 Long List, Sustainable Building of the Year, World Architecture News
- 2012 International Green Awards, Bronze Winner, NGO Category, London, Great Britain
- 2012 Living Building Hero Leadership Award, International Living Future Institute (ILFI)
- 2011 Service Award, American Public Gardens Association (APGA)
- 2010 Individual Leadership Award in an NGO, US Green Building Council (USGBC)
- 2009 President Obama selected Phipps as the host site for the official welcome, opening reception and world leaders dinner for the G20 conference in Pittsburgh
- 2008 Sustainable Building Challenge Finalist, International Initiative for a Sustainable Built Environment, Melbourne, Australia; Tropical Forest Conservatory

#### National

- 2016 Operational Sustainability Award, American Public Gardens Association
- 2015 Beyond Green Award, Sustainable Building Industry Council.
- 2015 Green Power Leadership Award, EPA
- 2015 Finalist, National Medal for Museum and Library Services, Institute of Museum and Library Sciences
- 2015 Green Power Leadership Club, Environmental Protection Agency
- 2015 Finalist for Place by Design, SXSW eco, Austin, TX
- 2015 University of Rhode Island Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award
- 2015 EBie Award, Urban Green Council, NYC
- 2015 Finalist, Celebration of Champions Award
- 2014 Innovative Star of Energy Efficiency, Alliance to Save Energy
- 2014 Sustainability Excellence Award, American Alliance for Museums
- 2014 Finalist, National Medal for Museum and Library Services, Institute of Museum and Library Sciences
- 2014 Buidly Award, Mid-Atlantic Association of Museums
- 2014 Best Museums Restaurant, Food & Wine Magazine
- 2014 Green Power Leadership Club, Environmental Protection Agency
- 2013 Excellence in Design Award, EDC Magazine
- 2013 Design and Build with FSC Award, Forest Stewardship Council
- 2013 Finalist, Best of the Year Awards, Interior Design Magazine
- 2013 Green Design Award, USGlass Magazine
- 2013 Honorable Mention, Inspirations Awards, Contract Magazine
- 2013 Museums Connect Award, American Alliance of Museums
- 2013 Finalist, National Medal for Museum and Library Services, Institute of Museum and Library Sciences
- 2013 Green Power Leadership Club, Environmental Protection Agency
- 2013 Who's Who in Energy, Pittsburgh Business Times
- 2013 Energy Leadership Award, Pittsburgh Business Times
- 2013 Media Partner of the Year Award, VisitPITTSBURGH
- 2013 Distinguished Alumni of the Year Award, University of Connecticut
- 2012 Sustainability Award, Hobart Center for Foodservice Sustainability
- 2012 Buidly Award, Mid-Atlantic Museum Association
- 2012 Green Power Leadership Club, Environmental Protection Agency
- 2011 Green Power Leadership Club, Environmental Protection Agency
- 2011 Great American Gardener Award, American Horticultural Society (AHS)

- First LEED-Certified Welcome Center, Green Building Alliance GreenSCENE Celebration
- 2010 Green Power Leadership Club, Environmental Protection Agency
- 2009 Green Power Leadership Club, Environmental Protection Agency
- 2009 Sustainable Champion Award, American Society of Interior Designers, W. PA
- 2009 Fred E. Obley Award for Business Leadership and Excellence
- 2009 Environmental Hero Award, GASP
- 2008 Evergreen Award, First Place Commercial Category, Eco-Structure Magazine; Tropical Forest Conservatory
- 2008 Sustainable Buildings Challenge, U.S. Green Building Council
- 2007 Beyond Green High Performance Building Award, Sustainable Buildings Industry Council; Tropical Forest Conservatory

#### State, Regional and Local

- 2016 Pittsburgh Smart 50 Award, Smart Business Magazine
- 2016 Preservation Award, Special Historic Properties, Preservation Pennsylvania
- 2015 Leadership in Sustainability, Pennsylvania Regional Council
- 2015 Water Star Award, Alcosan
- 2015 Sustainability Champion Award, Duquesne University Center for Green Industries and Sustainable Business Growth.
- 2014 Legacy Award, Green Building Alliance
- 2014 Catalyst Award, 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Carnegie Science Awards
- 2014 Who's Who in Energy, Pittsburgh Business Times
- 2014 Trustee Award, Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania
- 2014 Sustainable Award, Engineers Society of Western Pennsylvania
- 2014 Civil Engineering Sustainability Award, American Society of Civil Engineers, Pittsburgh Section
- 2014 Community Development Award, Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group
- 2013 Green Design Citation, American Institute of Architects, Pittsburgh Chapter
- 2013 Energy Leadership Award, Pittsburgh Business Times
- 2013 Hall of Fame Inductee, American Marketing Association, Pittsburgh Chapter
- 2013 Marketer of the Year, Nonprofits Category, American Marketing Association, Pittsburgh Chapter
- 2012 Enviro-Star Award, Allegheny County Health Department
- 2012 Award of Merit, Carnegie Mellon Steinbrenner Institute
- 2009 Finalist, Investing in Nature Award for Innovative New Environmental Technologies, The Nature Conservancy
- 2009 Leading Pittsburgh Award, KDKA Radio
- 2008 Environmental Award, 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Carnegie Science Awards
- 2008 Diamond Award, CEO of the Year Nonprofit Category, Pittsburgh Business Times
- 2008 Travel & Tourism Advocate of the Year, VisitPittsburgh
- 2007 Project of the Year Award, Engineers' Society of Western PA; Welcome Center, Tropical Forest Conservatory, and production Greenhouses
- 2007 Green Power: Turn it on! Award, Citizens for Pennsylvania's Future; wind-powered Welcome Center
- 2007 Green Design Citation, American Institute of Architects, Pittsburgh Chapter; Tropical Forest Conservatory

- 2007 Marketer of the Year, American Marketing Association, Pittsburgh Chapter
- 2007 Best Art Exhibit of the Year, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
- 2007 Award of Merit, Environment, Engineering and Science Media Fellowship, Steinbrenner Institute, Carnegie Mellon University
- 2006 Shades of Green Leadership Award, Green Building Alliance

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**About Phipps:** Founded in 1893, Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens in Pittsburgh, Pa. is a green leader among public gardens with a mission to inspire and educate all with the beauty and importance of plants; to advance sustainability and promote human and environmental well-being through action and research; and to celebrate its historic glasshouse. Learn more: [phipps.conservatory.org](http://phipps.conservatory.org).

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