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The Center for Sustainable Landscapes was Built to be One of the Greenest Buildings in the World
One year after Phipps’ Center for Sustainable Landscapes received the Living Building Certification, it has
garnered several prestigious awards and is the only building in the world to achieve all green building
standards of excellence.

Pittsburgh, Pa. — Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens’ Center for Sustainable Landscapes (CSL)
was built to be one of the greenest buildings in the world and was certified as a Living Building last year.
Since then, the project has won multiple prestigious national and international awards. In March 2015,
the CSL became the first and only project to attain the world’s four highest sustainable building
certifications, achieving the Living Building Challenge certification, LEED ® Platinum, Four Stars
Sustainable SITES Initiative ™ (SITES ™) and WELL Building Platinum project (pilot).

The building’s performance has earned it many awards, including the EPA’s Green Power Partner of the
Year Award, the Beyond Green High Performance Buildings Award from the Sustainable Buildings
Industry Council, an EBIE Award from the U.S. Green Building Council, an International Landscape Design
award from the Association of Professional Landscape Designers, Pennsylvania Resources Council’s
Sustainability Leadership Award and more.

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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.