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## **2008 Governor's Environmental Stewardship awards recognizes work of Street Dixon Rick Architecture**

*Nashville, Tenn.* – The Tennessee Governor's Environmental Stewardship awards recently recognized The Commons at Vanderbilt University, a project for which Street Dixon Rick Architecture, PLC provided architectural design.

The award category was Green Schools–Higher Education. The Commons project includes five new residence houses, five renovated residence houses, and the Commons Center. Street Dixon Rick provided Master Planning for the project, architectural design for the five new residence halls and renovation for two houses.

The Commons was honored as “a touchstone for collaborative environmental initiatives of all types.”

Especially noted were:

- Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification of new and renovated buildings
- Attractive and energy-saving building features
- Use of recycled and renewable materials
- Waste reduction and recycling
- Alternative fuel use
- Educational demonstrations that explain sustainability key points

Firm principals Stephen Rick and Baird Dixon recently gave speeches and led panels about innovation in sustainable architecture for the U.S. Green Building Council, Leadership Middle Tennessee and the Society for Marketing Professional Services. Dixon is scheduled to lead a panel for an international meeting of

university planners in Montreal in July. The topic, "The Commons: An Innovative First Year Living/Learning Community," will cover the work done at The Commons.

Dixon is quick to credit the design and construction team with the hard work that goes into registration and certification to achieve LEED Silver. Dixon also said it took the entire team's dedication to deliver some phases ahead of schedule, providing a major benefit to the university's revenue stream.

More:

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*LEED Silver building construction time-lapse video*

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