



MERCER SLOUGH ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

CITY OF BELLEVUE PARKS AND RECREATION AND THE PACIFIC SCIENCE CENTER



The Environmental Education Center is the gateway to the Mercer Slough—a 320-acre wetland park at the heart of the City of Bellevue.

Sited with minimal disturbance to the landscape, the Center has two classroom buildings, a multipurpose building, a visitors center and two wetlabs. Located on a sloping site, the buildings are elevated into the tree canopy, as much as 30 feet above ground. Here, children of all ages and backgrounds will get a hands-on experience of the wetland environment and the forest that protects it.

Opened in the fall of 2008, the Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center is a premier regional facility for the teaching and study of wetland ecosystems in an urban setting.

FACTS

- Low-impact development, natural ventilation system, certified wood and on-site stormwater management
- Integrated landscape and buildings
- Preservation of the majority of mature trees on-site
- LEED™ Gold certified
- 10,000 square feet
- \$10.8 million construction cost

BENEFITS

- Minimal site impact
- Hands-on wetland education

Honor Award for General Design, 2010

*American Society of Landscape Architects
Washington Chapter (WASLA)*

Honor Award, 2009

American Institute of Architects, Seattle Chapter

**Green Globe Award, 2009
Leader in Sustainable Building**

King County

Green Project of the Year, 2009

Northwest Construction Consumer Council

Green Building of America Award, 2009

Real Estate & Construction Review - Northwest Edition

Bronze Merit for "Future Value to the Profession," 2009

American Consulting Engineers Council

John H. Stanford Education Achievement Award, 2007

Cascade Land Conservancy

What Makes it Green? 2007—Unbuilt Category

American Institute of Architects, Seattle Chapter

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