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## **North Pointe at Union Centre Awarded Prestigious LEED® Gold Certification**

North Pointe at Union Centre, Duke Realty's new General Electric Aviation Buildings in West Chester, Ohio, has been awarded LEED® Gold Certification.



Established by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) and verified by the Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI), LEED® is the nation's preeminent program for the design, construction, and operation of high performance green buildings.

North Pointe at Union Centre was a design-build project spearheaded by Duke Realty (owner) and McGill Smith Punshon, Inc. (architect). "The collaborative effort between all the members of the design-build team is what made the project successful," explains Randal Merrill, AIA, LEED AP, MSP's Vice President of Architecture. "Achieving LEED Gold certification was our goal from the beginning, so decisions were made collectively and holistically with that goal in mind."

The two office buildings at North Pointe at Union Centre achieved LEED certification for energy use, lighting, water, and material use, as well as incorporating a variety of other sustainable strategies. By using less energy and water, LEED certified buildings save money for families, businesses and taxpayers, in addition to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and contributing to a healthier environment for residents, workers, and the community.

"North Pointe at Union Centre's LEED certification demonstrates tremendous green building leadership," said Rick Fedrizzi, President, CEO & Founding Chair, U.S. Green Building Council. "The urgency of USGBC's mission has challenged the industry to move faster and reach further than ever before, and North Pointe at Union Centre serves as a prime example with just how much we can accomplish."

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