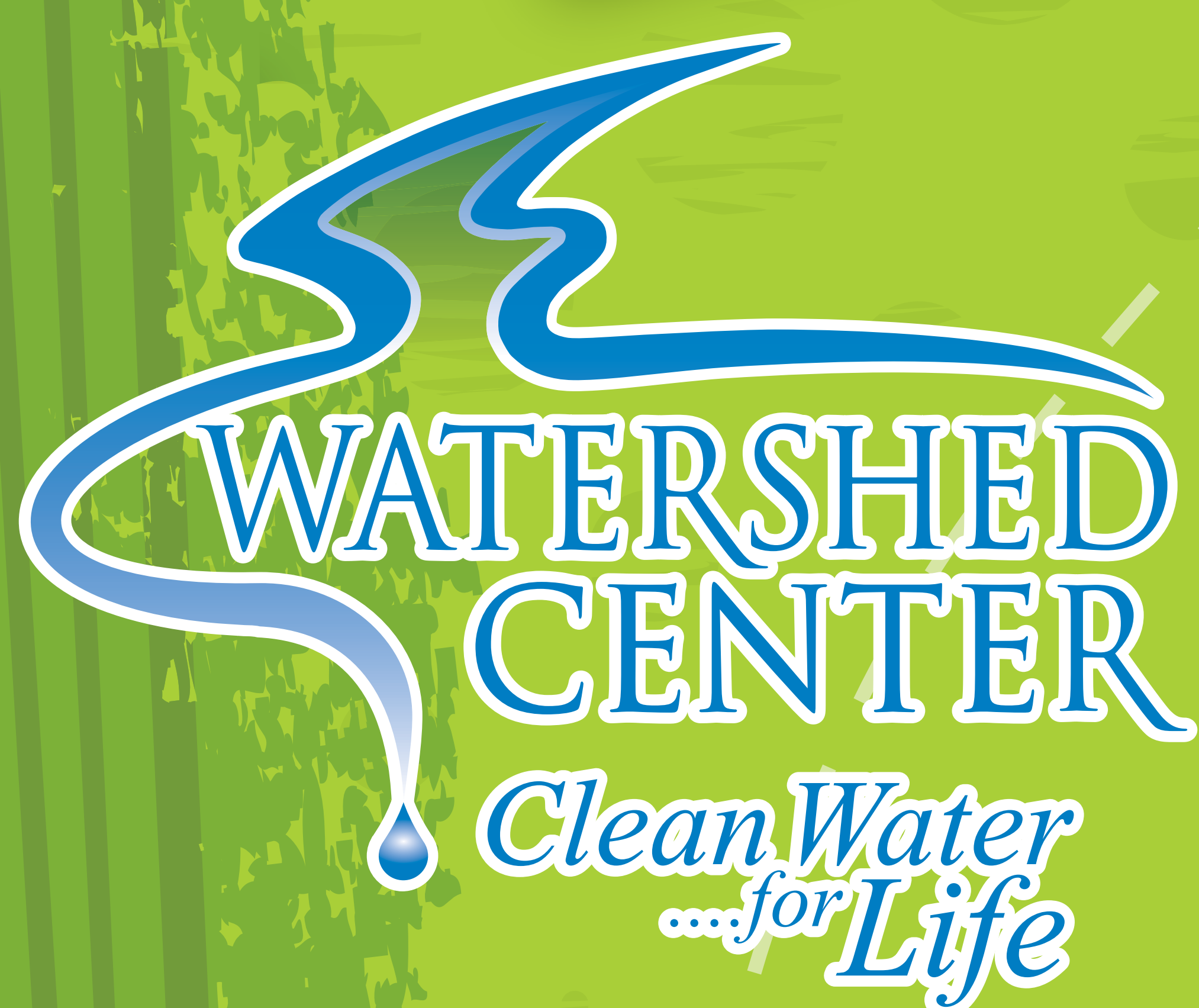


WHAT IS A GREEN BUILDING?

Green building (also known as green construction or sustainable building) refers to a holistic process of building design, construction, and operation that is environmentally responsible, resource efficient, and healthy for occupants and users. Green buildings are designed to reduce the overall impact of the built environment on human health and the natural environment throughout the building's lifecycle.

WHAT IS LEED?

LEED, or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is an internationally-recognized green building certification system. Developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), LEED provides building owners and operators with a framework for identifying and implementing practical and measurable green building design, construction, operations and maintenance solutions. LEED promotes sustainable building and development practices through a suite of rating systems flexible enough to apply to all building types – commercial as well as residential.



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