



## 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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