



Perris News

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It's Official: World's Largest Environmentally Friendly Structure is in Perris

The U.S. Green Building Council will come to Perris on April 28 to make official who City representatives have known for months—that the Hanesbrands Inc. Distribution Center on Indian Avenue is the largest environmentally friendly structure in the world.

The 1.3-million-square-foot center earned that distinction in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) by implementing a variety of the latest techniques aimed at reducing energy usage and pollution while contributing to Perris' commitment for sustainability in construction and building. The center was built near public transportation, provides bicycle storage for employees who peddle to work and gives preferential parking spots to workers who drive fuel-efficient vehicles.

The Hanesbrands location employs water-efficient landscaping and reduces its energy consumption by using natural lighting and roof insulation. During the construction phase, 50 percent of the building waste was recycled and 20 percent of the building materials contained recycled components. The building makes use of paints and sealants and carpets that emit low amount of chemicals.

There is even an organic-based pesticide program that minimizes chemical pesticide use.

"The City of Perris is very proud of all the efforts it has put forward to go green," said Associate Planner Diane Sbardellati. "We are absolutely delighted that the Green Building Council is recognizing the work that goes on in our own backyard. This is not small stuff. This is big."

Members of the Perris City Council will join with the Chamber of Commerce, building contractors, designers, architects and representatives of the Green Building Council to install a plaque designating the Hanesbrands center as a "green, sustainable building."

Perris elected officials point with pride to the Hanesbands center.

"We are always conscious in our efforts to go green," said Mayor Daryl Busch. "This is another step in that path." City Councilman Mark Yarbrough said the building represents the first of what hopefully will be many large, green buildings in Perris.

"Green, renewable energy needs to be our standard mode of operation," he said.

Yarbrough noted that Perris won honors for installing solar panels throughout its City Hall Campus to reduce electricity consumption. The City also has installed low-irrigation landscaping and has planted trees throughout the campus to further efforts to go green.

City Councilman Al Landers said Perris is setting the trend among California cities with its multitude of environmentally friendly construction and energy-saving projects.

"We are the little City that does big things, Landers said.

Dave Mount, the construction manager on the Hanebrands distribution center, said the City of Perris worked alongside the developer, Ridge Property Trust, from the time of project conception to completion.

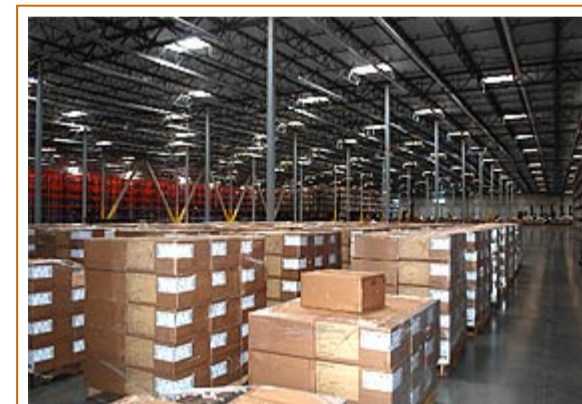
"We are very pleased with the overall cooperation we received from the City of Perris," Mount said. "It was an ideal situation, and one that we rarely encounter. We are excited to have the world's largest green building. That's quite a distinction."



Associate Planner Diane Sbardellati outside the Hanebrands distribution center. The building will be honored April 28 as the largest green building in the world.



Perris City Councilman Mark Yarbrough (left) and City Manager Richard Belmudez (right) attended the grand opening in 2009.



The 1.3 million square foot center can hold tens of millions of garments.