



A purely voluntary program intended to promote and foster “Green Build” in unincorporated Clay County thru reduced building permit fees for residential projects.

This brochure provides a basic outline for the “Clay County Green Build Incentive Program”. Details not included here are available from the Building Division.

INTRODUCTION

The general term "Green Build" refers to the use of a building process that is environmentally responsible and resource-efficient throughout a building's full life-cycle: from siting to design, construction, operation, maintenance, renovation, and demolition. This practice expands and complements more traditional building design concerns of economy, utility, durability, and comfort.

Although new technologies are constantly being developed to complement current practices in creating greener buildings, the common objective is that green buildings are designed to reduce the overall impact of the built environment on human health and the natural environment by:

- Efficiently using energy, water, and other resources
- Protecting occupant health and improving employee productivity
- Reducing waste, pollution and environmental degradation

GREEN BUILDING CODE

The Clay County Commission adopted the **Clay County Green Building Code** on September 27, 2010 with [Ordinance #2010-ORD-33](#), which approved the creation of Chapter 150-21 of the Clay County Code of Ordinances. The Clay County Green Building Code uses the International Code Council (ICC) and National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) ICC 700-2008, **National Green Building Standard™ (NGBS)** and was the result of multiple public hearings in 2010 by the [Clay County Building Commission \(BC\)](#).

The NGBS "provides criteria for rating the environmental impact of design and construction practices to achieve conformance with specified performance levels for green residential buildings" (101.2). These graded practices encompass the full building cycle, including but not limited to site design and development, lot preparation and construction, resource efficiency, and energy efficiency.

The NGBS establishes 4 performance levels:

- **Bronze** - achieve a minimum 222 points
- **Silver** - achieve a minimum 406 points
- **Gold** - achieve a minimum 558 points
- **Emerald** - achieve a minimum 697 points

GREEN BUILD PROGRAM

The Clay County Commission set aside funds to support an incentive-based program that reduces the amount of a building permit fee based on the achieved NGBS performance level. Detailed below is the general process.

PROCESS

Step 1: Meet with Building Official

The normal building permit fees will still be collected at the time of issuance, but a Clay County Green Build Incentive Program **Commitment Form** will be submitted with the other typical building permit information. The Commitment Form is signed by the Permit Holder and Clay County Building Official, and notarized by County staff. The Permit Holder states their intended NGBS category level on the Commitment Form.

Step 2: Submission of Final Inspection Form

In order to complete the process for a project and receive the rebate amount, a Clay County Green Build Incentive Program **Final Inspection Form** must be completed and approved.

The Clay County Building Official completes and signs the Final Inspection Form, then the Permit Holder signs and is notarized by County staff. The rebate amount will be rewarded to the Permit Holder once the Clay County Building Official has approved the Final Inspection Form to verify that the project has achieved the desired NGBS category level.

Step 3: Building Permit Fee Rebate Applied

Permit holder receives building permit fee rebate based on the following NGBS levels:

NGBS Green Building Categories

Bronze	50% Rebate
Silver	70% Rebate
Gold	85% Rebate
Emerald	100% Rebate

Please contact us below to arrange a meeting with the Building Official, or to obtain any additional information.

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