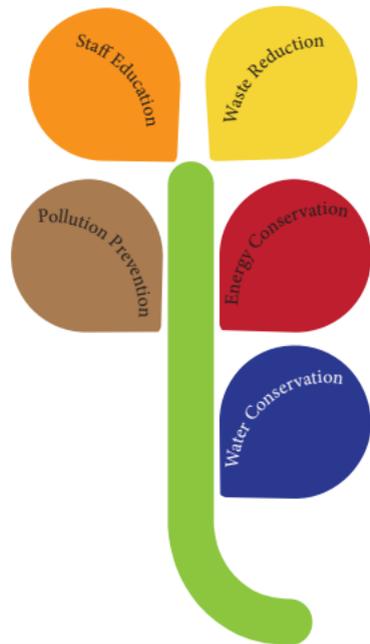


The petal Project

The Petal Project is a green business certification program designed to encourage organizations in the Dubuque area to adopt environmentally friendly business practices. The program provides businesses with a simple framework for saving money and resources while establishing a community-wide definition of a green business for consumers wishing to shop based on their values.

The Petal Project is divided into five categories. Within each category, a business must complete all of the mandatory and a specified number of optional criteria to earn that petal. Once the business has earned all five petals, it is "Petal Certified". The Carnegie-Stout Public Library is the eleventh business to be fully certified.



"The Carnegie-Stout Public Library is proud to become the first City facility to earn Petal Project certification. This distinction reflects the City of Dubuque's and Carnegie-Stout Public Library's commitment to sustainability. We look forward to continuing improvements in this effort to be green."

– Susan Henricks, Library Director



Water Conservation

Carnegie-Stout has installed low-flow water aerators on faucets throughout their facilities as an appreciable way to reduce water consumption.



Staff Education

Carnegie-Stout's green practices are discussed during new-employee orientation as well as through e-mail, announcements and meetings. Staff also participates in a bi-annual-highway cleanup.



Energy Conservation

Carnegie-Stout is LEED Certified. In order to achieve this, many systems, such as the heating and cooling system, humidity control, lighting, safety and building automation controls must be installed and are operating efficiently.



Pollution Prevention

Carnegie-Stout uses "green" certified cleaning products. Teleconferencing is encouraged for meetings or carpooling, as well as biking to work. Those who choose to bike have access to a bicycle rack and tire-repair kit.



Waste Reduction

Carnegie-Stout recycles batteries, lighting, computer hardware, and other harmful landfill items. Additionally, they recycle books and provide re-usable library bags for patrons.