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# **Maggie Brooks**

## *Monroe County Executive*

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### **BROOKS UNVEILS NEW GREEN BUILDING INITIATIVE**

Continuing her leadership in protecting the environment, growing our economy and employing our community's spirit of innovation, Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks today announced a bold new Green Building initiative to move our community toward a more sustainable future.

Under her newest green energy initiative, the County Executive has directed that construction projects for County facilities use green building design practices in accordance with the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards. With this new County policy, green building design practices will be used to the greatest extent practicable for Monroe County new building construction and building renovation projects of more than 5,000 square feet.

In addition, the County Executive has requested that the County of Monroe Industrial Development Agency (COMIDA) adopt a Green Building incentive package to encourage businesses to implement LEED building standards. As a result, COMIDA would play a lead role in encouraging the private sector to use energy efficient design in new construction or renovation.

*"Our Green Building initiative will provide cost savings to County taxpayers through reduced operating costs and further the County's goal of protecting our environment and conserving our resources," said **Brooks**. "Once again, Monroe County is leading the way by setting a standard for energy efficient design and building in our community."*

Today's announcement by the County Executive is the latest in a series of initiatives to conserve energy, protect the environment and save money for the taxpayers of Monroe County. Brooks' Green Building initiative comes on the heels of Monday's opening of the Mill Seat Landfill Renewable Energy Facility and Wednesday's hybrid bus announcement with RGRTA. The County Executive will continue to announce new green projects and initiatives in the days, weeks and months ahead.

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