



Designed by the Miller Hull Partnership, the Northwest Maritime Center in Port Townsend, Washington, recently achieved LEED Gold Certification. As a nonprofit organization committed to promoting and preserving a rich maritime heritage, on-the-water programs, and nurturing the art and craft of wooden boats, the maritime center was designed not only to protect but to actually improve and restore the waters of the Puget Sound. From energy use reduction to habitat restoration and material selection-all aspects of sustainability were considered by the client and the design team.

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"A community-based planning process more than 10 years in the making, we ensured the Northwest Maritime Center's two buildings were compatible with the other historic structures in Port Townsend's National Landmark Historic District," said Craig Curtis, partner at Miller Hull and the lead designer of the project. "The two buildings, constructed of over 60% of FSC certified wood, occupy a prime location at the end of Water Street, at the transition between the old brick buildings of the late 1890's and the adjacent Coast Guard clapboard buildings at the

Point Hudson Marina, which were constructed in the 1930's."



The site of the Northwest Maritime Center was formerly a bulk oil terminal for over eighty years. To clean up this critical waterfront property on Port Townsend Bay, more than 2,400 tons of contaminated soil was removed and properly disposed and the old pier that supported barges loaded with oil was removed.



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