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## **Nashville's 'Gulch' ranks in top green neighborhoods**

[Seigenthaler Public Relations](#) toots the horn for Nashville's leadership in green neighborhood design. It's a pretty impressive list for [the Gulch](#) to be on.

Music City is topping the environmental charts with news that The Gulch is the first neighborhood in the South to receive "LEED for Neighborhood Development" (LEED ND) certification.

The Gulch is among roughly two dozen neighborhoods internationally – including the Olympic Village in Beijing – to become LEED ND certified in this pilot program. Until now, United States Green Building Council (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification was limited to buildings. In 2007, USGBC launched LEED ND with Natural Resources Defense Council and the Congress for the New Urbanism. Roughly 240 projects from 39 states and six countries competed for the certification, based upon principles of smart growth, new urbanism and green building.