



The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)

Fact Sheet

WHAT IS FSC?

- A non-profit organization that was formed in 1993 by loggers, foresters, environmentalists, and sociologists.
- Devoted to encouraging the responsible management of the world's forests.
- Sets standards that ensure forestry is practiced in an environmentally responsible, socially beneficial, and economically viable way.

HOW DO FOREST PRODUCTS BECOME FSC CERTIFIED?

- Landowners and companies that sell timber or forest products seek certification as a way to verify to consumers that they have practiced forestry consistent with FSC standards.
- Independent, certification organizations are accredited by FSC to carry out assessments of forest management to determine if standards have been met.
- These certifiers evaluate both forest management activities (forest certification) and tracking of forest products (chain-of-custody certification).

WHAT IS A CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY (CoC) CERTIFICATION?

- John H. Myers & Son has been awarded a Chain-of-Custody (CoC) FSC certification. Chain-of-Custody certification traces the wood from certified forests through all stages of processing and distribution.
- The FSC Chain of Custody (CoC) standard:
 - Ensures FSC certified wood is accounted for as it passes along the supply chain
 - Ensures that when FSC certified wood is mixed with other wood, the non FSC certified wood does not come from controversial sources
 - Provides for use of recycled/reclaimed material
 - Provides a range of on-product and promotional labeling options

CAN I OBTAIN LEED POINTS WITH FSC MATERIALS?

- Under the LEED™ system, points can be awarded in six categories:
 - sustainable sites
 - water efficiency
 - energy & atmosphere
 - materials & resources
 - indoor environmental quality
 - innovation & design process
- FSC materials fall under Credit 7 - materials & resources.
- Credit 7 (MR 7) requires that at least 50% (measured by cost) of the wood building components permanently installed in a LEED-registered project be FSC certified in order to earn one point toward LEED certification.
- This includes, but is not limited to, structural framing & general dimensional framing, flooring, millwork, finishes, furnishings, & not-rented temporary construction applications such as bracing, concrete form work & pedestrian barriers.



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