

## Sustainability Commitment, 2020 and going forward

Since our start in 2015, and long before this for the firm's leaders, M.ThrailkillArchitect has provided specification support for sustainability certification for the projects we specify for our clients. We produce specifications in collaboration with your office to ensure certification for a variety of standards, including Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), Living Building Challenge and WELL Building programs. We also provide specifications that meet the requirements for sustainable design and construction through other industry- and government-directed programs your projects may pursue, such as Earth Advantage, Energy Trust of Oregon and Evergreen Sustainable Development.

We are driven to bring sustainable practices into ALL the specifications we produce, and not just those for projects seeking a specific certification. To do this, we have taken the following steps for our baseline specifications and within our collaboration tools, such as our shared Coordination Matrix:

- **Materials Transparency:**
  - We have researched and cataloged materials, products and finishes which provide product declaration labeling, then we incorporated these into the most common specification sections we produce, such as drywall, framing, doors, insulation, sealants and paints (over 40 sections so far, and growing). This will help ensure that your project can take advantage of the LEED v4 Materials & Resources (MR) credits for Materials Transparency declarations from the start.
  - M.ThrailkillArchitect is a signatory to the attached Materials Pledge letter to the *Living Product 50* group, acknowledging our commitment to design and construct with holistically optimized materials, using as much knowledge as is available to make reasoned and responsible suggestions and recommendations to your design teams.
  - We are an active participant in the Portland Materials Transparency Collaborative, ensuring that local, up-to-date and applicable knowledge is communicated and shared (we even volunteered to build and maintain the [website!](#))
- **Specification Language:** We have developed standard, clear and consistent language that is added into the *Part 1 - Submittals* and *Part 2 - Products* articles within each section that impacts LEED, WELL Building, Energy Trust or other project-specific sustainability goal. Additionally, our *Division 01 - General Requirements* sections have been developed through the course of many sustainable projects to-date, to be effective while remaining understandable and implementable by Contractors.
- We remain committed to the pace we have set so in our five years of independent specification writing:
  - **Sustainability Experience:** We have produced architectural specifications for over 35 projects with certified sustainability goals.
  - **Mass Timber Experience:** We have produced architectural and structural specifications for over 20 mass timber projects.