

# DEBRA SYPIEN, LEED-AP

## Sustainability Coordinator



### PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

The LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Building Rating System® is a voluntary, consensus-based national standard for developing high-performance, sustainable buildings.

Debra Sypien brings more than 16 years of design experience to Rockford Construction's team. With this experience in both facility and interior design, Debra is able to give input to our projects pursuing LEED certification - an often difficult and challenging process to successfully manage and achieve certification.

The U.S. Green Building Council's (USGBC) members developed and continue to refine LEED. As a LEED Accredited Professional, Debra has the knowledge and skills necessary to participate in the design process, to support and encourage integrated design, and to streamline the application and certification process. Her accreditation allows her to stay current with the latest in green building practices and provides a link between LEED standards and professional practice.

Debra works with the architects to deliver a design that is sustainable and environmentally sensitive and completes the paperwork necessary to document our strategies for clients that wish to build up to green-building standards or pursue LEED certification. Overseeing construction processes is critical - design intent, not met, can mean lost LEED credit, from erosion and sedimentation control during construction to procurement of locally-produced material and construction waste management. Debra is instrumental in this process, as she ensures design intent is met and documentation of the process is completed.

Debra and her expertise are critical to Rockford's initiative for sustainable construction and cutting-edge green building techniques.

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

B.A. Degree, Interior Design, Kendall College of Art and Design  
LEED Accredited Professional (LEED-AP), June 2003

### SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS

Alano Club  
Aquinas College  
- Academic Building Renovation  
- Student Housing  
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan  
Camp Anna Behrens  
Cathedral Square  
Catholic Secondary Schools  
- West Catholic High School  
Cherry Street Health Clinic  
Chippewa Nature Center  
Davenport University  
Grand Rapids Art Museum  
Grand Rapids Public Schools  
Herman Miller  
Hyatt Place  
Ingenuity  
Inner City Christian Federation  
Meijer, Inc.  
Network 180  
Nucraft Furniture  
St. Anthony of Padua Rectory  
Spartan Stores YMCA  
Thomas M. Cooley Law School  
Wolverine World Wide Family YMCA