



# The Cypress Exchange

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## New LEED Pilot Credit Aims to Eliminate Illegal Wood

The U.S. Green Building Council® (USGBC) recently announced the inclusion of a new pilot Alternative Compliance Path (ACP) credit that is intended to further advance environmentally responsible forest management in the LEED® green building rating system.

The new ACP credit recognizes wood certified through wood industry organizations, such as the American Tree Farm System, the Forest Stewardship Council, the Sustainable Forestry Initiative, and programs that are endorsed by the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification.

“Healthy, vibrant forests are an essential piece of life as we know it,” said Rick Fedrizzi, CEO and founding chair, USGBC. “LEED has made tremendous strides by promoting leadership on sourcing of forestry products. We want LEED to also be a significant driver for stopping illegal logging.”

[Read more](#)

## Explore the Possibilities with Cypress

Inspired by popular home-improvement television shows and information-rich social networks, homeowners and savvy design professionals are using natural materials like cypress to transform their creative aspirations into beautifully tangible realities.

“Cypress is a versatile wood that offers design freedom, lasting performance, and a lifetime of good looks,” says Linwood Truitt of the Southern Cypress Manufacturers Association, [www.CypressInfo.org](http://www.CypressInfo.org). “And regardless of a home’s architectural style, the color variation and richness of cypress offer a unique look that is guaranteed to enhance any home, anywhere.”

So, how is cypress being used to build today’s dream homes? [Read more](#)



## Cypress is Trending

Looking for design inspiration to refresh the interior of your home or office? Dreaming of creating a serene outdoor oasis? Interested in learning more about a versatile, durable, and beautiful wood species?

Discover more about cypress by clicking on the icons below and following the Southern Cypress Manufacturers Association on your favorite social media networks.



### About the SCMA

The Southern Cypress Manufacturers Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of cypress building products to design professionals and consumers. For more information or to find out how to join, please [contact the SCMA](#).