



The Greenbuild International Conference + Expo 2026 Wraps in New York City

NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, October 26, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The 2026 Greenbuild International Conference + Expo hosted thousands of sustainability professionals at the Javits Center in New York City. Greenbuild week featured a packed exhibit hall with more than 250 exhibiting companies and more than 150 CE-accredited education sessions on topics including resilience, decarbonization, sustainable finance strategies, climate policy, and more.

The 2026 conference theme was Invest for Impact, with education focused on investing, developing new projects, and retrofitting existing structures. Tuesday began with full-day summits and half-day workshops on designing buildings for resilience, strategic decarbonization, and building a sustainable future with LEED v5. Green building tours also took place at various sites around NYC.

Fareed Zakaria, Host of Fareed Zakaria GPS for CNN Worldwide, kicked off the Wednesday keynote session sponsored by Apollo Energies, where he discussed the geo-political landscape as it relates to creating a healthier world for future generations.

In addition to Zakaria, Thursday's keynote featured a welcome from Doreen M. Harris, President & CEO of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA). Following was a panel discussion focused on building the digital future sustainably, highlighting data centers, with speakers including Beth Lowry, President & CEO, Holder Construction, Cyre Mercedes Quiñones, Chief Executive Officer, Infrastructure Masons, Katie Bachman, Vice President, Business Operations, STACK Infrastructure, and Noah Goldstein, Sustainable Construction Lead, Data Centers at Google, moderated by Lauren Kiel, Global Head of Community Innovation from Bloomberg Media.

"New York City has long demonstrated what's possible for sustainable buildings and communities, and we were proud to highlight the city's leadership during Greenbuild," said Peter Templeton, president and CEO of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) and Green Building Certification Inc. (GBCI). "This year's theme, 'Invest for Impact,' reflects the importance of directing our resources, expertise, and partnerships toward lasting value. From highlighting innovative retrofits and resilient designs to the increasing adoption of LEED v5, this week showcased how our community is building a more sustainable future."

Greenbuild's conference program also featured workshops and sessions on LEED v5, addressing

key issues such as equity, health, ecosystems, and the urgent need for resilient structures. Other sessions covered everything sustainability professionals need to keep their goals on track, including navigating the current built environment, investing, expanding decarbonization, embodied carbon, resilience, collaboration, and more.

"It has been a transformative week at Greenbuild in New York City. I am constantly inspired by the positive climate discussions, unique retrofits, and innovative technology to improve building performance standards," said Katie Gillham, Event Director for Greenbuild. "I am proud to have the opportunity to take part in Greenbuild's first time in New York City, bringing our community of professionals together to reach ambitious climate goals, decarbonize the built environment, and create healthy communities for future generations."

During the day, participants took advantage of various networking opportunities and wellness activities, including morning runs/walks, yoga, the annual Women in Green Luncheon, speed networking, roundtable discussions, and more.

Greenbuild attendees concluded Thursday with the Greenbuild After Hours Party at TAO Downtown, sponsored by Autodesk. The evening event allowed attendees to experience live music, a top DJ, food, and drinks in the heart of New York City.

Attendees also got a behind-the-scenes look at NYC's most sustainable spaces with green building tours of the Empire State Buildings, the Refinery at Domino Sugar Factory, the Apollo Theater, and many LEED/SITES projects across the city.

New in 2026, attendees had access to AI summaries of education sessions and session recordings from Greenbuild's 2026 content. Visit www.greenbuildexpo.com for information. View all Greenbuild's [sponsors](#).

In 2027, Greenbuild will continue its sustainability mission - in Chicago, IL, October 19-22, 2027 | Expo 20-21 at the McCormick Place Convention Center. You can register for Greenbuild 2027 [here](#).

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