



Skagit Valley College Lewis Hall & Tollefson Plaza

Mount Vernon, WA

This project involved replacing the old Lewis Hall and its support spaces with a new, three-story academic and student services building. The new facility now accommodates basic skills classes, student learning center, admissions, counseling, and the English, literature, and math departments. The open space provides the main central plaza and outdoor gathering area for the College. The plaza integrates seating walls, flexible plaza space, furnishings, water fountain, and clock tower. Rain gardens are strategically located to collect stormwater runoff from the plaza, the parking lot, and landscape areas. In addition to its low-impact development design, the parking lot is equipped with electric vehicle charging stations. The building achieved a LEED® Gold certification. A 15,000-gallon, underground cistern was incorporated into the building to collect and store stormwater. The stormwater is then reused for flushing toilets and for the irrigation of the roof-top terrace and extensive green roofs. Two memorial gardens bookend the plaza and showcase, botanical specimen plants for use by the Horticulture program for outdoor learning.



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