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Delivering the future of sustainable solutions

For Parsons, sustainability is about balancing the environmental, economic, and social elements of our projects and programs. We actively seek opportunities to preserve and enhance the human and natural environment through the production of project deliverables, our business activities, employee actions, and community engagement. Sustainability is not just a buzzword. At Parsons, it’s at the core of all we do.

Sustainability Starts with Our Staff

Parsons is at the forefront of sustainability implementation for building and infrastructure projects, including integration into project planning, design development, construction, and operational phases. With the increased demand for safe, durable, and economically responsible projects that also conserve natural resources and energy, Parsons provides our clients with assets and systems that are robust and resilient in order to withstand short-term risks, while adapting to long-term changes to environmental conditions. Our approach also emphasizes the importance of creating valuable and contextually appropriate community assets that meet the economic and social needs of the surrounding areas.

Parsons applies and integrates sustainable solutions for projects around the globe. Our experts can provide full life-cycle benefits and sustainable return on investment for all types of projects. Our accumulated experience enables us to integrate sustainable solutions into deliverables for clients across all sectors and industries.

Project Highlights


**Perris, California**

Parsons provided planning, preliminary design services, and solar installation for the Eastern Municipal Water District in Perris, California. The agency improved energy usage by installing photovoltaic systems, and nearly half of the project was funded using incentives.
Ohio River Bridges, East End Crossing
Louisville, Kentucky, and Jeffersonville, Indiana
This unique bi-state public-private partnership transportation project includes the state-of-the-art cable-stayed Louis and Clark Bridge, a roadway tunnel under a historic property, and 8 miles of new-terrain highway. It is the first major river crossing to achieve a Platinum Envision® award from the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure (ISI). The Envision® framework rewards sustainability achievements during the project’s entire life cycle (design, construction, and operations phases).

Gordie Howe International Bridge
Detroit, Michigan, and Windsor, Ontario
The Gordie Howe International Bridge is a new international trade crossing over the Detroit River that will connect Michigan with Ontario. This 850-meter crossing, with a new interchange with I-75 and two new ports of entry, will be delivered through a public-private partnership (P3). As the owner’s general engineering consultant, Parsons will develop and monitor sustainability performance commitments for all project phases, including establishing Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) and Envision® certification targets and key sustainability performance indicators.

Lake Onondaga Cleanup
Syracuse, New York
Parsons assembled a team of more than 100 experts to dredge and dispose of 2.65 million cubic yards of contaminated sediment from Onondaga Lake. Through cleanup and habitat restoration, 184 wildlife species have returned to the lake, both along the shoreline and in the surrounding wetlands.

Royal Commission Headquarters (RCHQ)
Yanbu Green Buildings
Saudi Arabia
Parsons provided facility design revisions to incorporate sustainability features that meet LEED® performance requirements for the RCHQ in the Yanbu Industrial City. Parsons is also working on the Yanbu Green Building, which will be a LEED® v4 Platinum facility. Parsons is the LEED® project administrator for these buildings, which will be the first two LEED®-certified projects for this client.

Capabilities
Building, Environmental, and Infrastructure Risk Assessments
Commissioning
Ecological Restoration and Preservation
Energy Audits; Lighting and Heating, Ventilation, and Air-Conditioning (HVAC) Retrofits
Energy Modeling and Building Information Modeling (BIM) Studies
Energy Policy Development
High-Performance Building Design, Construction, and Operations
Life-Cycle Analysis (LCA), Greenhouse Gas and Carbon Impact Calculations
Life-Cycle Cost Analysis (LCCA), Payback and Cost-Effectiveness Analysis
Net Zero Building Monitoring
Renewable/Alternative Energy Design and Energy Storage Feasibility
Resilience Planning
Site and Building Evaluations
Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs)
Sustainability Program Management and Master Planning
Third-Party Certification Administration (e.g., Envision®, INVEST, LEED®, Living Building Challenge, Estidama Pearl Rating System)
Water Reuse, Reclamation, and Desalination
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