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From the Editor

As you know, the flooding in September was very [damaging](#) to the Masonry Society office. It was also disruptive, and has affected the publication schedule for *Sustainability E-News* this month. This edition comes to you a week early, as staff will be at the [TMS Annual Meeting](#) in Herndon, VA later this week, and the TMS office will be closed the remainder of the month as repairs are made. We expect the October 30 edition to arrive on your desk by the first week of November. Your patience during this difficult period is appreciated.

Your financial and moral support to TMS during this time is also greatly appreciated. TMS staff has been overwhelmed by the concern and generosity of TMS members. If you would like to join others that have made a tax-deductible contribution to TMS for flood recovery or become a sponsor for the 2014 *Sustainability E-News*, please [contact the TMS office](#).

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GREEN BUILDING NEWS

Green Building Can Save Money, But Data Needed

NEW PITTSBURGH CURRIER

A report by the real estate division of U.K.-based M&G Investments says building green commercially -- and green retrofits of commercial buildings -- should cost no more than traditional building if "cost and environmental strategies and program management" are all considered in the beginning. Mike Schiller, CEO of Pittsburgh's Green Building Alliance, agrees and goes further, saying green building can save money in the form of reduced energy costs. However, he notes we need more data to back that up and convince lenders of the savings, according to [this article](#).

Green Building and Energy Efficiency: Be "Smart From the

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THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC

Many large construction projects in Arizona are going green by paying attention to energy efficiency, but smaller buildings that are often rented out haven't yet jumped on the bandwagon. An Arizona-based utility, Salt River Project, is trying to change that by pushing for a change in building codes. "There is no time better to install cost-effective energy-efficiency measures than during the initial design and construction of a building," [says Dan Dreiling of SRP](#). "Then you have long-term savings that last the life of that building from day one."

CODES, STANDARDS and MORE

First Commissioning Standard Released

ECOBUILDING PULSE

ASHRAE has published a new standard, Standard 202: Commissioning Process for Buildings and Systems. It is the first standard focused on the commissioning (Cx) process and identifies the minimum acceptable process. It is based on ASHRAE's Guideline 0-2005, which has long been an industry guide for Cx. [Read more](#).

Are Building Codes Revised Too Often?

BUILDER

Pennsylvania is the latest state to take up this debate, but the question is national in scope. [Read more](#).

LEED CLOSES SEVERAL PILOT CREDITS

USGBC

Several changes are being made to the LEED [Pilot Credit Library](#) this fall. There are multiple pilot credits closed to new registrations, and a new alternative compliance path for Site Development – Protect or Restore Habitat has been introduced. [Get the full story](#).

EDUCATION / EVENTS

It's Not too Late to Join Us at the TMS Annual Meeting!

The Annual Meeting and Business Meetings of The Masonry Society will be held near Washington, DC in Herndon, Virginia at the Hyatt Dulles Hotel on October 11-15, 2013. An exciting and educational program has been planned for your enjoyment and professional development. Plan to attend the meetings today! For more information, including session topics and registration, visit the [TMS website](#).

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