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THE SUPER GREEN CRITERIA
WHY WE'RE HERE.
The evolution of 'Super Green'
and the need for a professional certification
in green development

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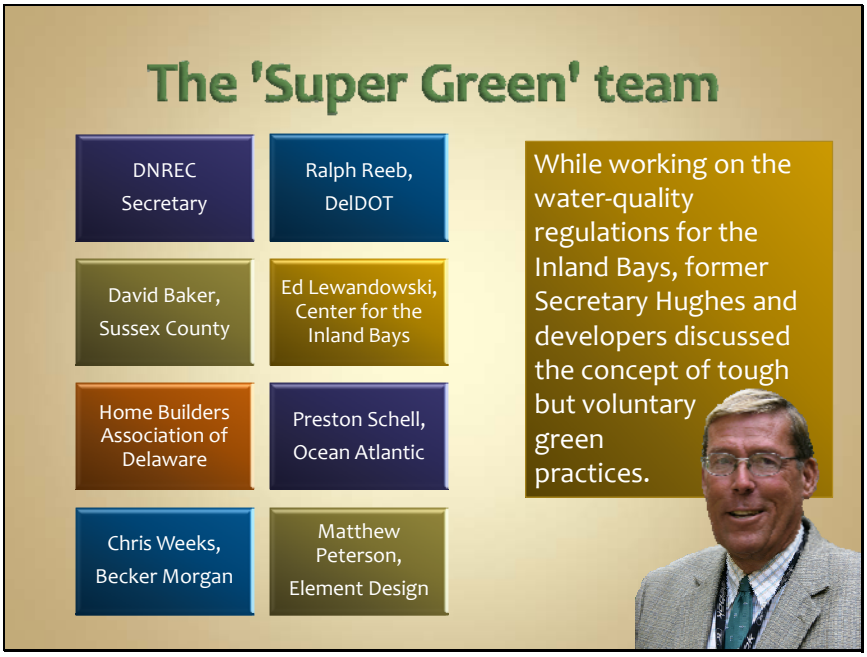
The 'Super Green' team
DNREC Secretary
Ralph Reeb, DelDOT
David Baker, Sussex County
Ed Lewandowski, Center for the Inland Bays
Home Builders Association of Delaware
Preston Schell, Ocean Atlantic
Chris Weeks, Becker Morgan
Matthew Peterson, Element Design
While working on the water-quality regulations for the Inland Bays, former Secretary Hughes and developers discussed the concept of tough but voluntary green practices.

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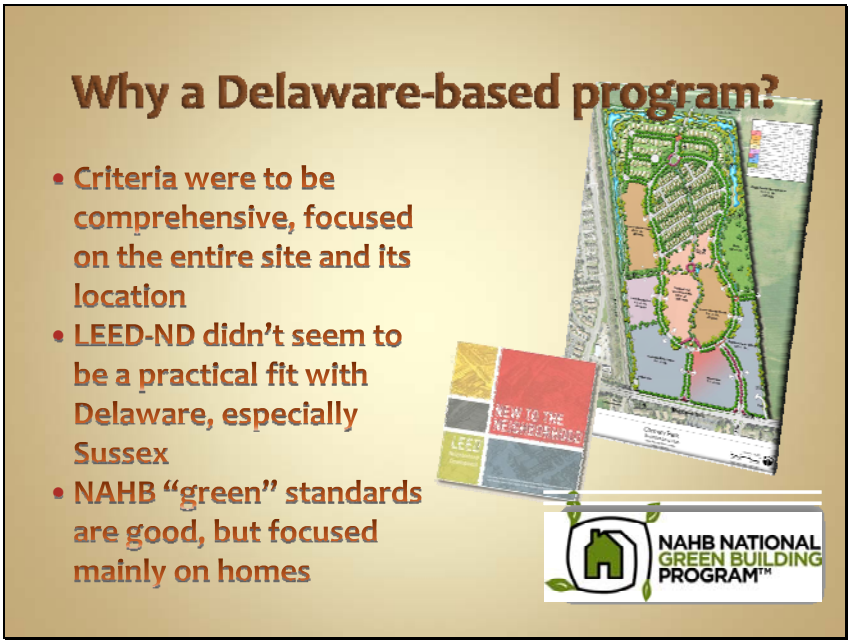
Why a Delaware-based program?
• Criteria were to be comprehensive, focused on the entire site and its location
• LEED-ND didn't seem to be a practical fit with Delaware, especially Sussex
• NAHB "green" standards are good, but focused mainly on homes
NAHB NATIONAL GREEN BUILDING PROGRAM™

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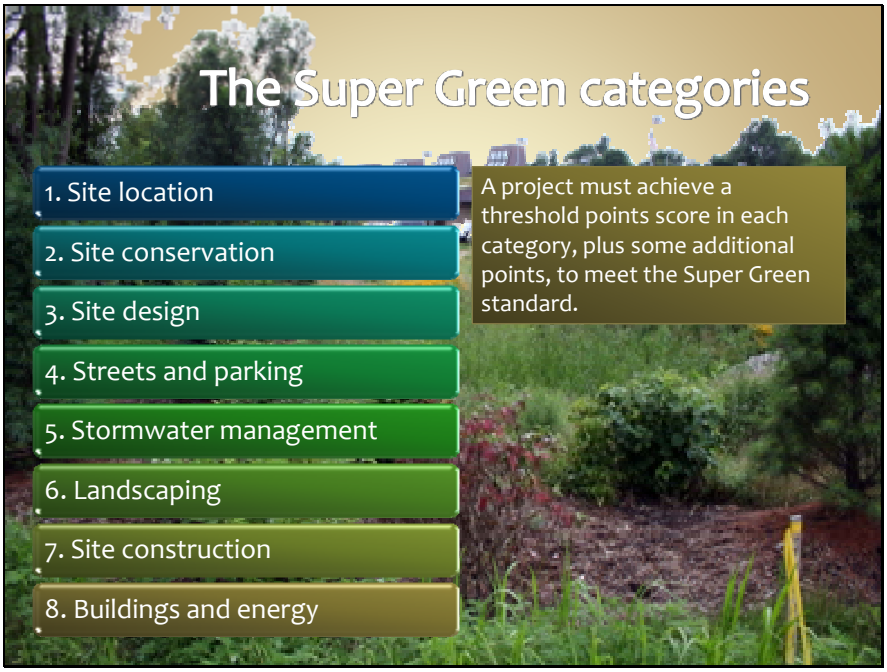
The Super Green categories
1. Site location
2. Site conservation
3. Site design
4. Streets and parking
5. Stormwater management
6. Landscaping
7. Site construction
8. Buildings and energy
A project must achieve a threshold points score in each category, plus some additional points, to meet the Super Green standard.

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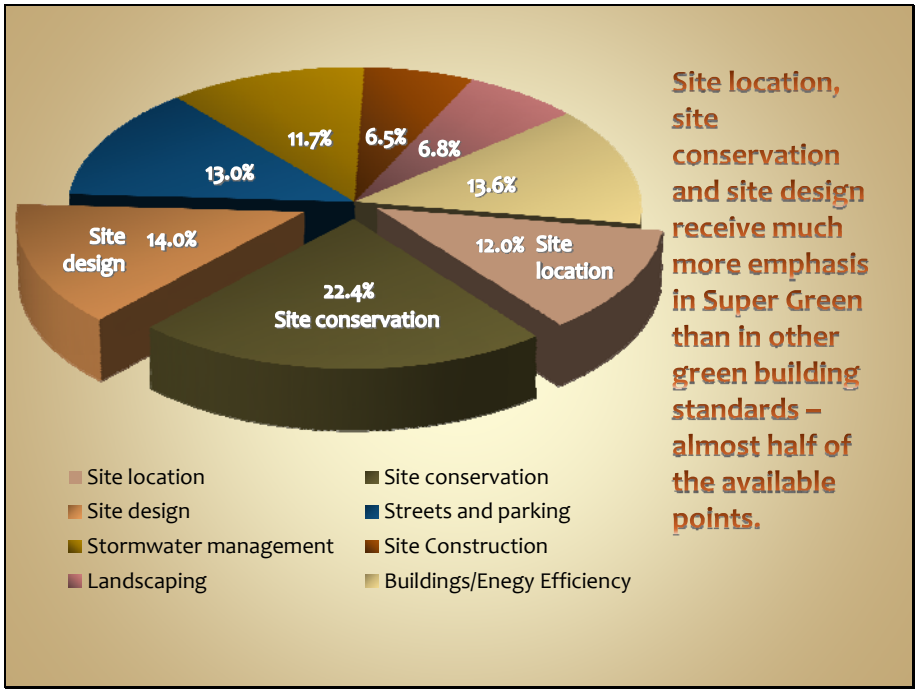
11.7%
6.5%
6.8%
13.0%
13.6%
Site design
14.0%
12.0%
Site location
22.4%
Site conservation
Site location
Site conservation
Site design
Streets and parking
Stormwater management
Site Construction
Landscaping
Buildings/Enegy Efficiency
Site location, site conservation and site design receive much more emphasis in Super Green than in other green building standards – almost half of the available points.

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• Sussex County Council voted to adopt three-tier "green" program, with Super Green as top tier
• Kent County also agrees to participate in pilot
• Incentives could include expedited permitting and local approvals.
Pilot project, with support from Governor's Office, to be launched soon.

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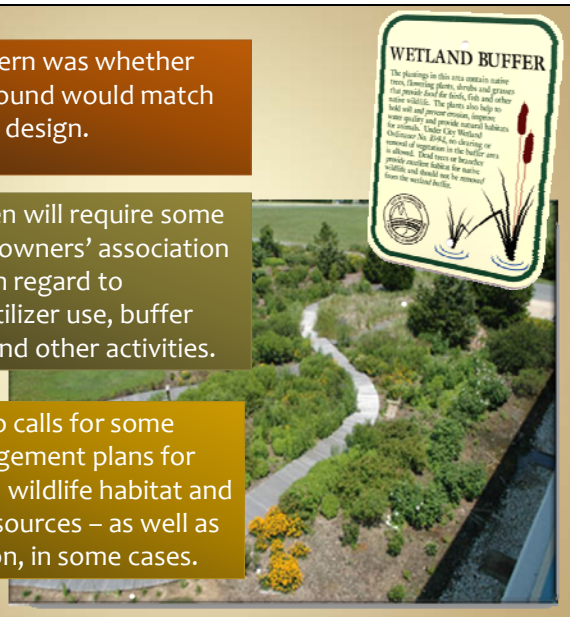
A common concern was whether reality on the ground would match the Super Green design.

Also, Super Green will require some ambitious homeowners' association agreements with regard to landscaping, fertilizer use, buffer encroachment and other activities.

Super Green also calls for some long-term management plans for trees, wetlands, wildlife habitat and other natural resources – as well as off-site mitigation, in some cases.



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As green development becomes more comprehensive and moves beyond buildings to natural resources management and long-term oversight, the need for a new green specialty or professional certification is emerging.
THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE.