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# Is McCarthy a Green Builder?

## A Sustainable Analysis of McCarthy Building Companies, Inc

TGM 586 - Sustainable Business - Private  
Sector: Construction

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# What is Green Building?

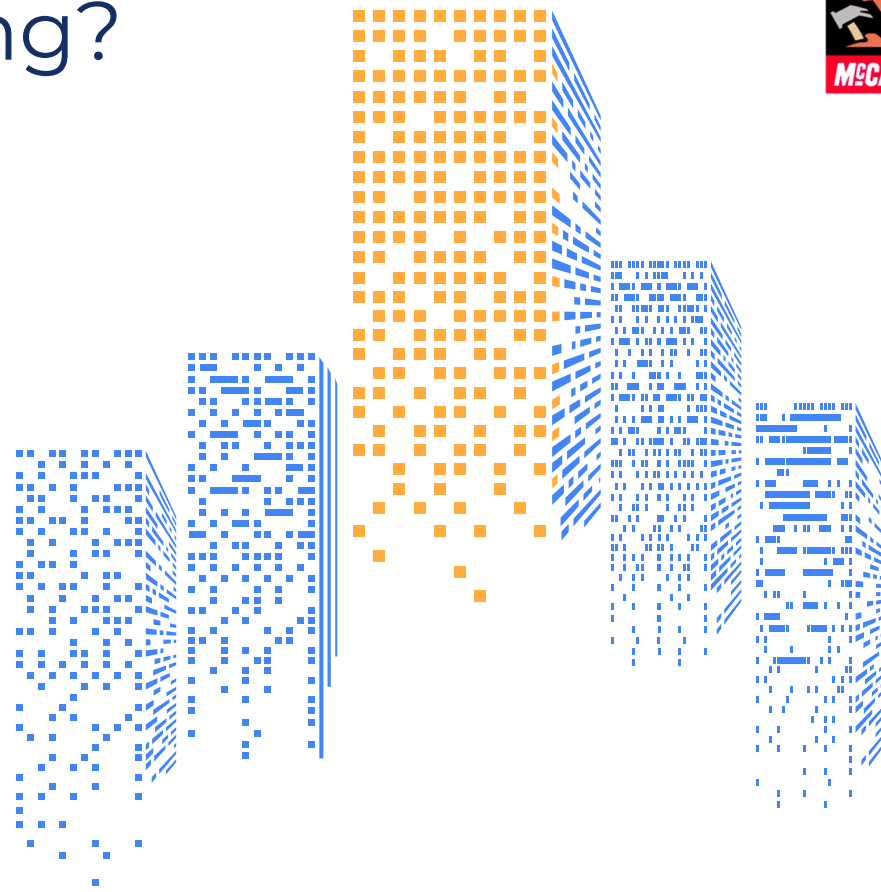


## DEFINITION

Buildings, that in their development, operation, and design, scale down or eliminate negative environmental impacts and create positive ones as well.

## FEATURES IN GREEN BUILDINGS:

- Efficient use of energy, water and other resources
- Use of renewable energy, such as solar energy
- Pollution and waste reduction measures, and the enabling of re-use and recycling
- Good indoor environmental air quality
- Use of materials that are non-toxic, ethical and sustainable
- Consideration of the environment in design, construction and operation
- Consideration of the quality of life of occupants in design, construction and operation
- A design that enables adaptation to a changing environment



## One Measure of Green Building: Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

# McCarthy History



**1864**

Timothy McCarthy opens a small business building farmhouses in Ann Arbor, Michigan, founded by an Irish immigrant.



**1961**

Built the Priory Chapel in St. Louis. Building the chapel's parabolic arches is a challenge and helps establish McCarthy's reputation as a skilled builder developing creative solutions.



**1999**

The company changes its name to McCarthy Building Companies, Inc., reflecting its employee ownership.



**2019**

The Arizona State University Biodesign Institute C project, built by McCarthy, is recognized as an Engineering News-Record (ENR) Best of the Best Project of the Year Finalist : Higher Education/Research.

# McCarthy's Sustainability **Principles**



**Weaving sustainability  
into all aspects of  
operations**



**Encouraging every  
partner to consider  
sustainable  
practices**



**Bringing viable solutions  
to the table**



**Educating and  
training employees  
with tools so they  
can lead the way**

# McCarthy Projects



## OMAHA VA AMBULATORY CARE CENTER

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- Subsurface utility mapping
- Virtual design and construction (VDC)
- Building information modeling (BIM) and laser scanning

Results:

- ❖ Achieved quicker completion time (from 52 to 36 months)
- ❖ Reduced total project costs (from an estimated \$120 to \$86 million)

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## ARROW CANYON SOLAR

- Providing workforce training and skills development
- Building relationship with the Moapa Band of Paiutes
- Emphasizing on a culture of safety

Results: Provided sufficient clean energy supply and generated low-cost power alternatives.



## CHANDLER AIRPORT WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY

- Maintenance of Plant Operations (MOPO)
- Process Piping Installation
- Concrete and Asphalt Removal

Results:

- ❖ Helped the city of Chandler in saving more than \$3 million on the expansion project.
- ❖ Completed the project on time.

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# Current Green Building Performance



## LEED Certification

Industry leading measurement tool  
ASU Biodesign C building - Platinum  
Certification Vs Membership  
Measurements include: Transpo, Sites,  
Water + Energy, Materials and others.



## Solar Panel World

Leading news source for solar PV  
McCarthy Ranking: 21st to 5th  
Based upon kW added per annum  
Added 1038 MWs in 2020  
McCarthy's Total MWs: 2800



## J Craig Venter Institute

Lab Research Facility at UCSD Campus  
One of the highest LEED scores: 87  
Water conservation system - 90,000 gal.  
Photovoltaic roof and recycled concrete  
"World's first Net-Zero research lab"

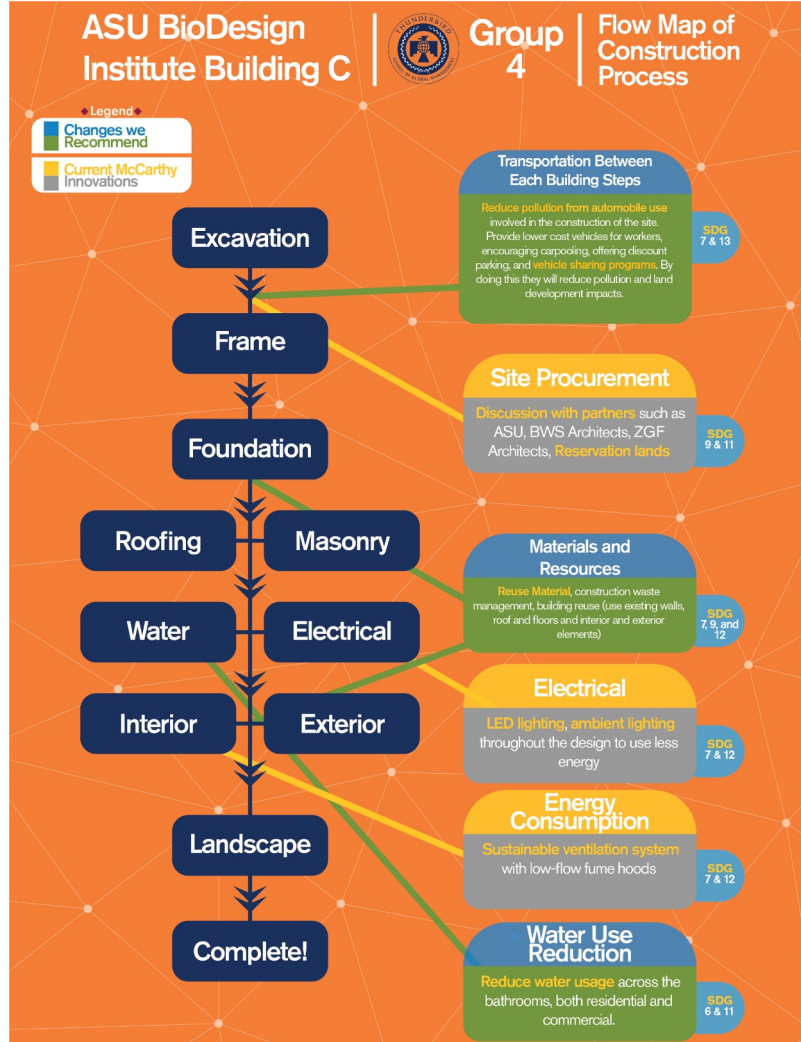
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# Flow Map



# SDGs Addressed



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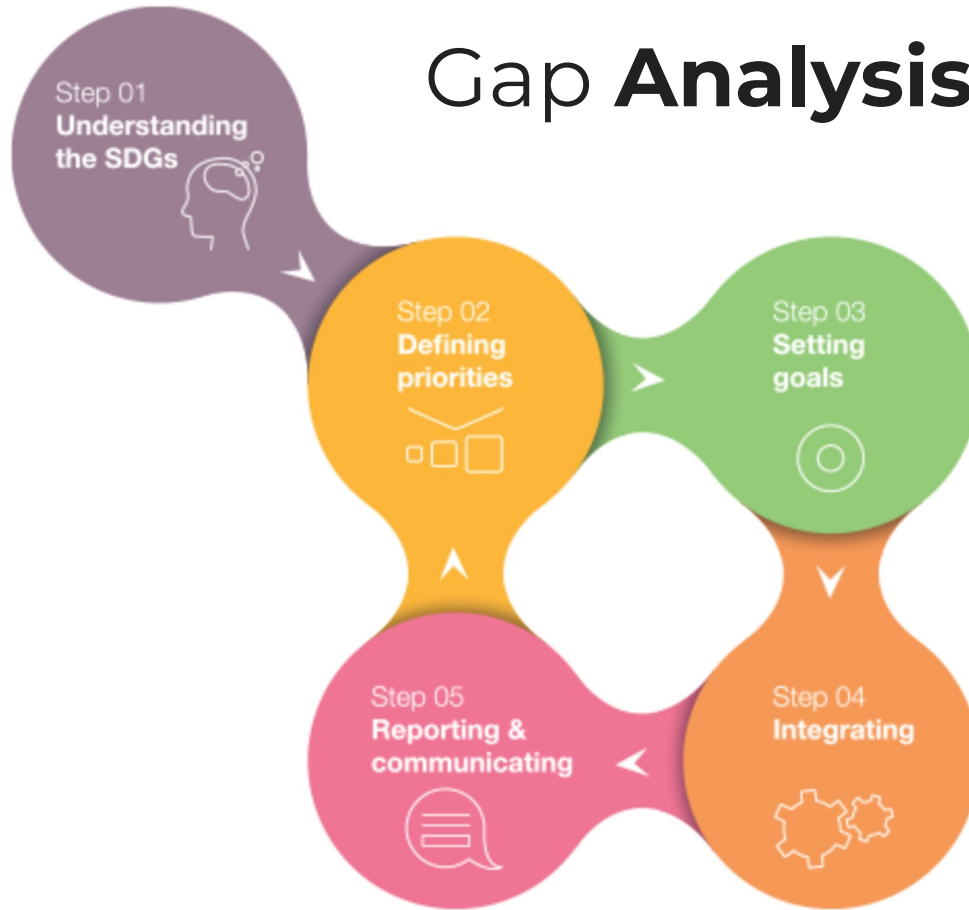
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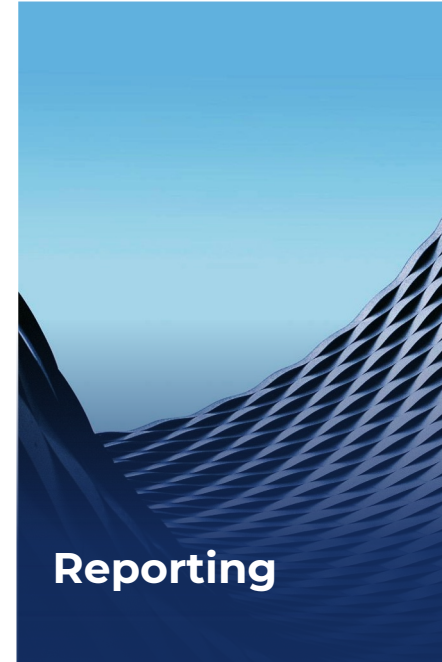
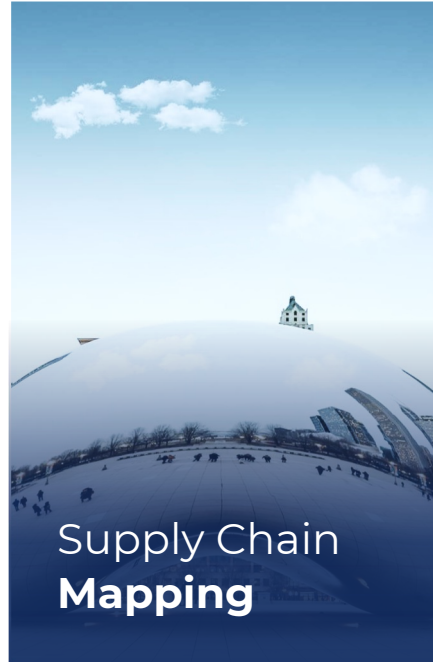
Yellow indicates a Top 10 impact for the industry



# Gap Analysis - SDG Compass



# Recommendations



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Thank you!



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