

KEY POINTS

- Lighting upgrades in parking facilities can result in energy savings of up to 70 percent or more
- The <u>Lighting Energy</u> <u>Efficiency in Parking</u> (LEEP) campaign helps building owners implement upgrades
- To date, the LEEP program has helped upgrade 472 million square feet of space for savings of more than \$10 million a year

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Lighting Program Drives Energy Savings Into Parking Facilities

Upgrading to highefficiency lighting in parking lots and structures is a proven cost-saving measure for commercial facilities. Energy savings of up to 70 percent are possible.



Source: U.S. Department of Energy

LED lights in particular last 2 to 5 times longer than traditional outdoor lights, reducing

maintenance costs by up to 90 percent. Now, a group of industry leading organizations have gotten together to help businesses and facility owners take advantage of these savings.

Taking the LEEP

The <u>Lighting Energy Efficiency in Parking</u> (LEEP) campaign was established in 2012 by the Building Owners and Managers Association, Green Parking Council and the International Facility Management Association. The U.S. Department of Energy supports LEEP by providing implementation resources and technical assistance.

Organizations that join LEEP must complete an evaluation of their current lighting, commit to making improvements, submit a report and share the results. As of June 2015, energy-efficient lighting was installed or planned in 472 million square feet of parking space through the program for annual energy savings of more than \$10 million.

Each year, LEEP presents awards recognizing the most successful participants. Award categories include:

• Highest absolute savings

- Highest percentage of savings
- Best use of controls
- Largest portfolio-wide savings

See the 2015 LEEP Awardees.

Retail center slashes energy costs

Regency Center is an owner, operator and developer of retail facilities with over 300 properties throughout the United States. The company upgraded the parking lot lighting at Rona Plaza in Santa Ana, Calif. The shopping center has 77,000 square foot of parking space. They retrofitted the existing parking lot and exterior wall mounted fixtures, which were high-intensity discharge (HID) fixtures, with high efficiency LED fixtures coupled with a wireless dimming system.

The upgrade reduced lighting energy costs by 88 percent for a simple payback in two years. Regency Centers won the 2014 LEEP award for Highest Percentage Energy Savings in a Retrofit.



Source: www.leepcampaign.org



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- may require preapproval of the audit and incentives