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Nation's Top Green College Plans a New Green Building

Tiny College of the Atlantic announces plans for a new campus building that meets the Passivhaus standard



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The new Center for Human Ecology at Maine's College of the Atlantic will host a variety of science and art classes, including a greenhouse. The mix made designing to the Passivhaus standard a challenge. (Image credit: College of the Atlantic)



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The school ranked by *The Princeton Review* as the number one green college in the U.S. has announced plans for a new campus center that will be built to the German Passivhaus standard.

In a news release, the College of the Atlantic said that the 29,000-square-foot Center for Human Ecology will be a multipurpose teaching and gathering space. It will include science laboratories, lecture halls, faculty offices, art studios, and a teaching greenhouse.

Key to the design is the use of mass timber components to replace concrete and steel, a move that will substantially lower the carbon footprint of the \$13 million project.

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