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MINNEAPOLIS -- Target Field is not only the Major Leagues' newest ballpark, it is also the greenest.

The U.S. Green Building Council awarded Target Field LEED Silver Certification on Thursday, only the second MLB ballpark to attain such a lofty standard.

LEED provides a set of standards for the environmentally sustainable design, construction and operation of buildings and neighborhoods.

The criteria for awarding certification include energy savings, water efficiency, emissions reductions and resource stewardship.

Target Field collected 36 certification points, two more than Nationals Park in Washington, D.C., received last year.

"As in many respects, Target Field has overachieved everyone's expectations," said Steve Cramer, chairman of the Minnesota Ballpark Authority. "We can be proud of the fact that the ballpark was built to this rigorous environmental standard."

Strong environmental stewardship has been the Twins' goal. Sen. Linda Higgins (DFL-Minneapolis) made sure LEED certification was a requirement in the 2006 law to



Twins' Target Field debut

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