

## Black named director of sustainablity by SL Green, a newly-created position

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According to SL Green Realty Corp., Jason Black, LEED AP, has been promoted to director of sustainability, a newly-created position. In his new role, Black will now be responsible for the continued development of SL Green's environmental initiatives throughout the company's entire 57-property portfolio of owned, managed and/or leased buildings.

The new position supports SL Green's continuing efforts to efficiently manage energy costs and reduce waste for the benefit of tenants and for the communities where the company has a presence. While SL Green already has earned LEED certifications and six Energy Star certifications at some of its properties, today's announcement of the appointment of a dedicated sustainability executive signals the company's commitment to maximizing its environmental improvements.

"We are delighted to promote Jason to this important position of company-wide sustainability oversight," said Isaac Zion, co-chief investment officer. "He is talented, experienced and resolved to protect the environment, and we believe that he will do an exemplary job and will assist SL Green in its efforts to be at the forefront in implementing the most advanced and technologically sophisticated green elements and ideas."

"Jason joined the company in 2004 as a regional architect and was later named director of architectural services for the Reckson suburban division. He embarked on a mission to make our company the leading 'green' property owner in the Westchester/Fairfield submarket. He has more than exceeded our expectations in successfully implementing a wide variety of initiatives during that time."

Widely recognized by the local Westchester/Connecticut business community as an authority in sustainability, Black is an active member of the Westchester County Global Warming Task Force, the White Plains Sustainable & Environmental Enhancement Committee, and the Westchester County Climate Change Committee.

He was recently featured in Commercial Property Executive's April 2011 issue as one of ten "Stars to Watch." He was also recognized as a Rising Star, one of "40 Under 40" by the Westchester Business Council. He has been a panelist at numerous events on sustainability, including those sponsored by Columbia University, the Westchester Municipal Planning Federation, BOMA and the Urban Land Institute.

A graduate of Rhode Island's Roger Williams University, where he earned a Bachelor of Architecture degree in 2002, Black received LEED AP certification in June, 2009.

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