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**BRIGHTON SUMMIT BRANCH NOW CERTIFIED FOR
LEADERSHIP IN ENERGY/ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (LEED)**

The Summit also wins Brighton Chamber “Building Pride Award”

ROCHESTER, NY (June 21, 2010)—It’s official: The Summit Federal Credit Union’s new branch at 1660 Monroe Ave. near the Twelve Corners in Brighton has achieved LEED Silver certification. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification means that The Summit’s 2,500 square-foot Brighton branch operates with maximum benefit to the environment, especially in its use of energy and natural resources. LEED is an internationally recognized green building certification program created by the United States Green Building Council.

The Summit also received the Brighton Chamber of Commerce’s annual “Building Pride In Brighton Award” for the new branch. This award recognizes a business that has improved the quality of life in Brighton through property enhancements or outstanding achievements.

The following design and construction features of the Brighton branch helped it meet the requirements for LEED Silver certification.

- Heat comes from a geothermal system that uses the earth’s energy for power.
- Clerestory windows provide the maximum amount of sunlight, minimizing the need for artificial lighting.
- The building uses materials like steel, carpeting and acoustic ceiling tiles with recycled content.
- Paint, flooring and wall coverings are made from materials with low levels of VOC (volatile organic compounds).
- Motion sensors turn off unnecessary lights.

“We’re proud of the recognition our new Brighton branch has received,” said Michael Vadala, president and CEO of The Summit. “We’d be remiss if we didn’t mention the efforts of the team that made this building a green reality: SWBR Architects, Christa Construction and Pathfinder Engineers & Architects.”

Summit Background

The Summit Federal Credit Union has over 82,000 members in Syracuse, Cortland, Seneca Falls, Rochester, and Buffalo, with more than \$625 million in assets and 18 branches across these regions. Members also have access to more than 4,000 CU Service Center shared branches nationwide, plus access to hundreds of surcharge-free ATMs throughout the region and across the country.

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