

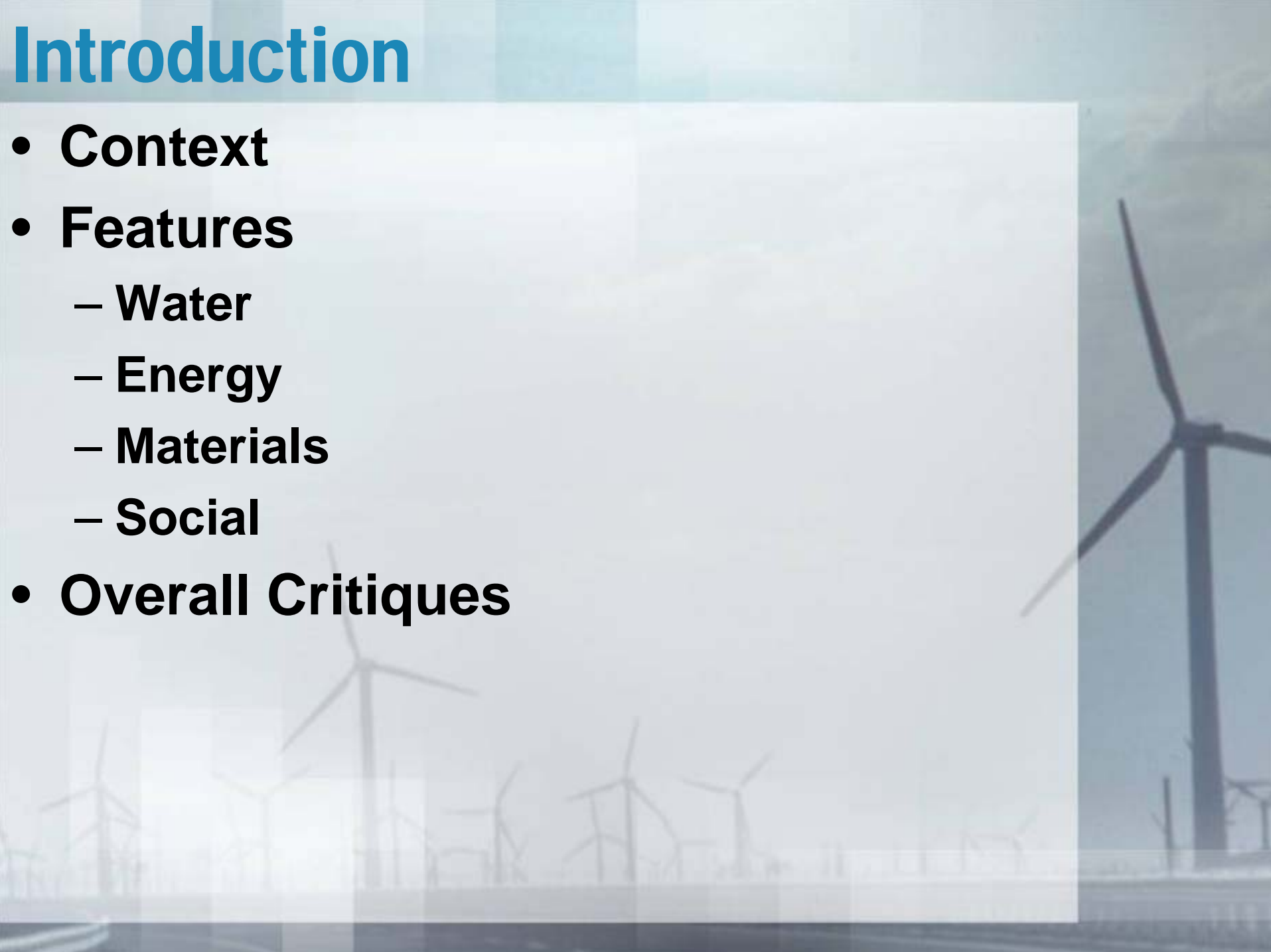
# The Alliance Center

**Denver, Colorado**



# Introduction

- **Context**
- **Features**
  - **Water**
  - **Energy**
  - **Materials**
  - **Social**
- **Overall Critiques**



# Context

- Dense urban downtown
  - Lower Downtown (LoDo)
- Near regional transit hub
- Mix of uses



Source: Alliance for Sustainable Colorado



Source: <http://www.city-data.com/picfilesv/picv10261.php>

# Context



## •Future regional rail links

Source: FasTracks, [www.rtd-denver.org/fastracks](http://www.rtd-denver.org/fastracks)

# Features - Water

- Waterless Urinals
- Self-generating automatic faucets
- Aerators
- Low-flow shower heads
- Xeriscaped gardens



Source: Alliance for Sustainable Colorado

# Features - Energy

- T-8 Bulbs
- Direct Digital Control
  - Climate Control
- Mylar film on windows
- MechoShade™ blinds



Source: Alliance for Sustainable Colorado

# Features - Materials

- Low-VOC paints
- Low-VOC carpet tiles
- Locally sourced (if possible)
- Cradle to Cradle products (if possible)
  - Wheatboard
  - Ultratouch insulation (made from jeans)
- Architectural Salvage



Source: [www.bondedlogic.com/ultratouch](http://www.bondedlogic.com/ultratouch)

Source:

<http://www.pwgsc.gc.ca/db/text/archives/2003/summer2003/images/image13.jpg>

Source: <http://gliving.tv/green-shopper/category/review-minute/>

# Features - Social

- **Shared conference space**
- **Central mailboxes**
- **Shared kitchen areas**
- **Digital displays**



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# Critiques

- **LEED makes a good guide**
- **Misses regional differences**
- **Doesn't cover social or economic factors as readily**
- **Doesn't directly reward whole systems planning**

