

# Implementing Sustainability Auditor's Office (2010-2015)

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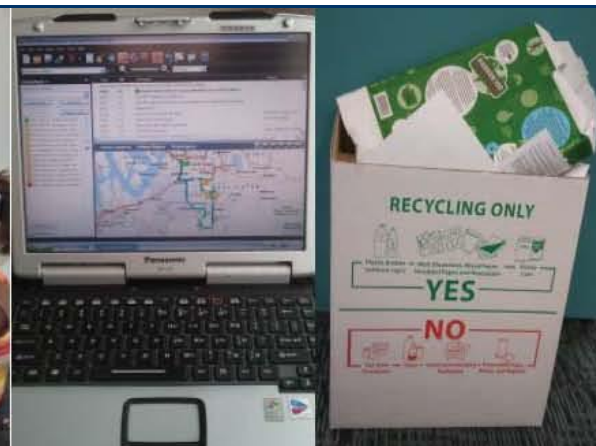


Pierce County  
Office of Sustainability



“Business efficiencies, healthier employees, and a smaller carbon footprint. What’s not to love? Sustainable practices are part of our customer service, as well as our back office operations. It’s also a mindset that will follow employees home.”

Julie Anderson, Pierce County Auditor



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# 2015 Pierce County Sustainability Goals

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### Updated Pierce County Government Sustainability Goals



**Air Quality:** All areas of Pierce County are in compliance with federal air quality standards.



**Employee Sustainability Training:** When surveyed, 90% of Pierce County employees take sustainability into consideration in their jobs



**Energy Efficiency:** Reduce by 15%\* electricity and natural gas use in County facilities over January 2010 levels. All new County facilities are built to a LEED Silver or better standard.



**Green Purchasing and Recycling:** At least 50% of office products purchased have recycled content. Reduce purchase and consumption of copier/printer paper by 15%. Increase recycling by 35% \*\*. Reduce the amount of landfill waste by 30%.



**Transportation:** 50% of Pierce County's general use fleet to be hybrid/electric/alternative fuel vehicles. 25% of Pierce County employee commute trips will be public transit, carpool/vanpool, bicycle, walk, drive electric vehicles, telecommute or compressed work week.



**Water Quality and Quantity:** Reduce water use in our 43 owned buildings by 10%. On average Pierce County streams grade to a B- or better (Currently C).\*\*\*

Expanded Goal\*, Decreased Goal\*\*, New Goal\*\*\*

# Auditor's Office – Leaner & Greener

## Energy Efficiency

- Work with partners to reduce energy use at the Annex by 15%.
- Central management of power settings on computers and monitors.
- Re-evaluation of printer inventory and printing practices.
- On-line services: such as candidate filing, pet licensing, e-Recording.
- Increase use of virtual server technology.
- Provide information, forms, and materials electronically.
- Make e-mail the means of communication (when statute allows).

## Employee Sustainability Training

- At least 90% of Auditor employees take sustainability into consideration in their job.
- Monthly employee updates on what our department is doing to improve our sustainability.
- Develop and implement sustainable “best practices” documents and procedures.

## Transportation

- Reduce department gas usage by 10%.
- Animal Control – Assigned service areas and computer route-optimization for efficient service and fuel conservation.
- Support employee alternative commuting choices through flexible work schedules.
- Encourage staff to carpool and use County fleet vehicles (one is a hybrid) for business transportation, in lieu of personal vehicles.
- Create and increase online transactions with our customers. Examples: candidate filing, pet licensing, eRecording.
- Reduce travel through conference calls and webex for meetings and trainings.



## Air Quality

- At least 90% of Auditor employees are educated on wood-burning issues in Pierce County.
- Support employee alternative commuting choices through flexible work schedules.

## Green Purchasing and Recycling

- At least 50% of office products purchased will have recycled content (excludes ballots).
- Reduce standard paper use by 15%.
- Recycle toner.
- Electronic transmission of Legislative Session Laws countywide (reduce the number of printed volumes).
- Animal Control – Electronic map / routing software in lieu of printed maps and driving directions.
- Animal Licenses – permanent tags eliminates wasted outdated tags (and mailing costs).
- Buy only duplex capable printers.
- Recycle use of required printed materials.
- Reuse paper as scratch paper (as appropriate).
- Continue participation in an environmentally safe computer disposal program.
- Purchase only Energy star PCs.

## Water Quality

- Animal Control fleet – Wash vehicles in designated car washes.

## Greenhouse Gas Reductions

- Encourage staff to always select hybrid vehicles for county business related transportation.

# 2010 Auditor's Sustainability Snapshot

## Department Size

- Employees: **54 employees**

## Employee Sustainability Education and Training

- % of employees have filled out the sustainability survey: **43%**
- % of employees who take sustainability into consideration in their jobs: **87% yes**
- General Sustainability Training: **Yes**
- Education on what creates greenhouse gases and strategies for reducing: **Yes**
- Wood stove educational training: **Yes**

## Energy Efficiency

- Building EnergyStar Score: **Annex 89, Annex West (not ratable)**
- % reduction in energy use in office building: **Annex -15%, Annex West +18.2%**
- Building Energy Cost per Sq Ft: **Annex \$0.66, Annex West \$1.27**

## Green Purchasing and Recycling

- % of office products that have recycled content: **28%; up from 24.3% in 2009**
- % Paper use: **22% decrease in paper use, spent \$1,130.50 less than in 2009**

## Transportation

- Vehicles Operated by Department: **11**
- Hybrid/Electric vehicles: **1**
- Mileage Reimbursements: **12,613.81 miles, 2,593.5 miles more than in 2009**
- Gasoline use: **9,522 unleaded gallons, reduced gas use by 621 gallons compared to 2009**
- Fleet MPG: **12.39 mpg (includes animal control truck fleet)**