

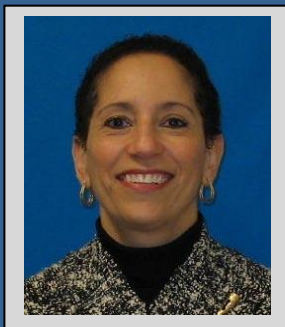
Implementing Sustainability Community Connections (2010-2015)

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Pierce County
Office of Sustainability



“Sustainability is more than recycling. It’s a way of thinking about our lives and the way we conduct our business as public employees. Our department is committed to continually improving the sustainability of our practices, and helping to make Pierce County a better place to live, work and enjoy.”

Helen P. Howell, Director, Community Connections



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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***

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Air Quality

- Maintain a departmental scent-free protocol, encourage staff to avoid wearing fragrances, and purchasing scent-free products for the workplace
- Work with the Office of Sustainability to educate staff on the impacts of wood smoke particulates



Employee Sustainability Training

- Maintain an environment in which staff make suggestions and work collaboratively to enhance sustainability efforts
- Continue to send department-wide e-mails regarding sustainability efforts
- Working with IT, train staff in setting printer and copier default to duplex; replace old models with multi-function printers as funds allow
- Develop and train staff in the use of electronic records storage to reduce printing

Energy Efficiency

- Provide the community *Resource Guide* electronically and on CD
- Relocate to a more energy efficient office building
- Encourage staff to take the stairs, reducing utilization of energy for the elevators while contributing to employee health
- Educate staff and contractors to turn off lights when rooms are not in use
- Work with Facilities to install energy conserving light fixtures and motion activated switches in offices and conference rooms (as funding allows)
- Work with Facilities Department to reduce energy usage by ten percent



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Green Purchasing and Recycling

- Adhere to the County's Green Purchasing protocol regarding purchasing recycled goods wherever appropriate, including recycled paper
- Ensure that at least fifty percent of office purchases contain recycled products
- Recycle used toner cartridges
- Purchase printers with double-sided printing capability
- Utilize surplus equipment whenever possible rather than purchasing new equipment
- Make surplus equipment available to providers as appropriate
- Provide CFL bulb and alkaline battery recycling station in our lobby
- Reuse older computers for client programs

Transportation

- Utilize Webinars and Go To Conference Calls
- Make program applications available on-line to reduce client travel
- Encourage carpooling for off-site meetings and trainings
- Utilize electronic communication options (scanning, faxing, e-mail, etc.) whenever appropriate
- Work to increase the number of staff that officially participate in the County's CTR program to twenty-five percent
- Provide staff with fuel efficient County vehicles for business use
- Provide connections to public transportation from outside the Pierce Transit Public Benefit areas



Water Quality and Quantity

- Low flow faucets and fixtures have recently been installed at the departments 1305 Tacoma Avenue location to reduce water usage
- Request Facilities Department to install low flow faucets and fixtures at the departments Sound View location to reduce water usage

2010 Community Connections Sustainability Snapshot

Department Size

- Employees: **214 employees**

Employee Sustainability Education and Training

- % of employees have filled out the sustainability survey: **60.7%**
- % of employees who take sustainability into consideration in their jobs: **85.4% 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: **Soundview Medical (38)**
- % reduction in energy use in office building: **Human Services -55%, Soundview Medical -13.2%**
- Building Energy Cost per Sq Ft: **Human Services \$0.78, Soundview Medical \$1.25**

Green Purchasing and Recycling

- % of office products that have recycled content: **34.2%; down from 37% in 2009**
- % Paper use: **33% decrease in paper use, spent \$7,034 less than in 2009**

Transportation

- Vehicles Operated by Department: **4**
- Hybrid/Electric vehicles: **2**
- Mileage Reimbursements: **251,617 miles, 22,425 miles more than in 2009**
- Gasoline use: **861 gallons, 74 fewer gallons than in 2009**
- Fleet MPG: **32.56 mpg**