

# Implementing Sustainability Government Relations (2010-2015)

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“The future is literally in our hands to mold as we like. But we cannot wait until tomorrow. Tomorrow is now.” Eleanor Roosevelt



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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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## Energy Efficiency

- Power down office electronics
- Purchase energy efficient appliances and equipment
- Re-inventory copying devices

## Employee Sustainability Training

- Participate as a member on the County Sustainability Team
- Follow sustainability best practices

## Transportation

- Minimize vehicular trips by walking and/or carpooling
- Support telecommuting
- Participate in meetings via teleconferencing
- Increase electric vehicle use



## Air Quality

- Continue to seek support from the state legislature for air quality programs that assist the County in meeting federal air quality standards

## Green Purchasing and Recycling

- Print double-sided documents
- Distribute reports, memos and other types of correspondence electronically
- Consider purchasing equipment that uses recycled toner

## Water Quality

- Continue to work with the state legislature on legislation that assists the County in meeting standards and requirements that improve water quality

## Greenhouse Gas Reductions

- Continue to work with the state legislature on legislation regarding greenhouse gas reductions

# 2010 Government Relations Sustainability Snapshot

## Department Size

- Employees: **2 employees**

## Employee Sustainability Education and Training

- % of employees have filled out the sustainability survey: **100%**
- % of employees who take sustainability into consideration in their jobs: **100% 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: **955 Building 13** (Leased Building)
- % reduction in energy use in office building: **-3%**
- Building Energy Cost per Sq Ft: **\$1.34**

## Green Purchasing and Recycling

- % of office products that have recycled content: **N/A**
- Paper use: **N/A**

## Transportation

- Vehicles Operated by Department: **0**
- Hybrid/Electric vehicles: **0**
- Mileage Reimbursements: **N/A**
- Gasoline use: **N/A**
- Fleet MPG: **N/A**