

Implementing Sustainability Superior Court (2010-2015)

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Pierce County
Office of Sustainability

“An efficient and effective government is a good steward of human, financial and environmental resources.”



Bryan Chushcoff, Superior Court



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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

- All court related facility construction or remodeling will be built to a LEED Silver or better standard. We will eliminate the use of internal space heaters. All new lighting fixtures will be auto-sensor types to avoid lighting areas that are unused for a pre-set amount of time. Our court will work with the other Departments in the County-City Building to reduce by 15% the energy use in our facilities.

Employee Sustainability Training

- When surveyed 90% of court employees will say they take sustainability into consideration in the workplace. Court staff will participate in Wood Smoke Awareness Training with the Pierce County Department of Sustainability.

Transportation

- 25% or more of court employees will use public transit, carpool/vanpool, bicycle, walk or drive electric/hybrid vehicles to work. Staff will request only hybrid/electric vehicles when checking out a vehicle for work usage from the Pierce County general use fleet.



Air Quality

- All court areas will utilize low VOC compounds in construction or remodels. The court supports and will cooperate with the county goal of all areas being in compliance with federal air quality standards.
- New chairs purchased for courtrooms and jury rooms are Indoor Advantage™ certified which is in conformance with LEED-CI criteria for EQ4.5, as well as BIFMA X7.1 Low-Emitting Furniture and Seating. Indoor Advantage evaluates these compounds to help improve the air quality within enclosed indoor environments.

Greenhouse Gas Reductions

- Our court will cooperate in any way possible with the County's plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and achieve a better carbon footprint.

Water Quality

- All court areas constructed or remodeled from 2007 forward have had (or will have) water efficient plumbing fixtures installed with electronic efficiency sensors. This will reduce water usage in all of our facilities by 10% by 2015.

Green Purchasing and Recycling

- We will fully implement our Electronic Court Order ("ECO") Project which moves the court to a paperless system to the extent permitted by law. Copy paper will be purchased with at least 30% recycled material and depending upon budget and pricing we will explore moving to 100% recycled materials by 2015. Double-sided copies and ECO will allow us to reduce our copy paper consumption by 30%. We will increase recycling by 50% and decrease landfill waste by 30%.

2010 Superior Court Sustainability Snapshot

Department Size

- Employees: **100 employees**

Employee Sustainability Education and Training

- % of employees have filled out the sustainability survey: **74%**
- % of employees who take sustainability into consideration in their jobs: **82% yes**
- General Sustainability Training: **No**
- Education on what creates greenhouse gases and strategies for reducing: **No**
- Wood stove educational training: **No**

Energy Efficiency

- Building EnergyStar Score: **County City Building 57**
- % reduction in energy use in office building: **CCB -4.7%**
- Building Energy Cost per Sq Ft: **CCB \$1.01**

Green Purchasing and Recycling

- % of office products that have recycled content: **7.5%; down from 28.68% in 2009**
- % Paper use: **N/A bought from another vendor**

Transportation

- Vehicles Operated by Department: **0**
- Hybrid/Electric vehicles: **0**
- Mileage Reimbursements: **254 miles, 156 miles less than in 2009**
- Gasoline use: **N/A**
- Fleet MPG: **N/A**