

# Implementing Sustainability Superior Court (2010-2015)

Moving the Superior Court Forward

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



Bryan Chushcoff, Superior Court



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## Moving Pierce County Government Forward

Since completing our internal Pierce County Sustainability Plan in 2009, my office looked for opportunities to fund a full-time Sustainability Manager to move our plan forward. We earned a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy, and look forward to implementing the plan. Over the next five years, we will focus on three components of sustainability: education and public outreach, partnerships, and leading by example. This effort will ultimately save taxpayers' money by thinking through the life-cycle costs of our decisions and actions. All Pierce County employees will be asked to help make this a more sustainable place to live, work and play.

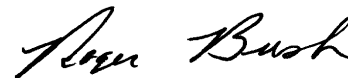


-Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive



2010 "Sustainability Week" Proclamation  
No. R2010-47

Sustainability isn't just a buzz word – it's a team effort to make our government more fiscally and environmentally responsible. From adopting sustainable budgets to increasing the energy efficiency of government buildings, Pierce County embraces sustainability and is always looking for further ways to make positive changes.



-Roger Bush, Pierce County Council Chair

### 2015 County Sustainability Goals

- **Energy Efficiency:** Reduce by 10% electricity and natural gas use in County facilities over 2010 levels. All new County facilities will be built to a LEED Silver or better standard.
- **Employee Sustainability Training:** When surveyed 90% of Pierce County employees take sustainability into consideration in their jobs.
- **Transportation:** 50% of Pierce County general use fleet to be hybrid/electric/alternative fuel vehicles. 25% of Pierce County employees will telecommute, use public transit, carpool/vanpool, bicycle, walk or drive electric vehicles to work.
- **Air Quality:** All areas of Pierce County are within compliance with federal air quality standards.
- **Green Purchasing and Recycling:** At least 50% of office products purchased will have recycled content. Reduce purchase and consumption of copier/printer paper by 15%. Increase recycling by 50%. Reduce the amount of landfill waste by 30%.

# Superior Court - Leading By Example

## 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 10% 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.

## 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%.

## 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.

# 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: **99% decrease in paper use, spent \$6,947 less than in 2009**

## 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**