

PATTERSON LIBRARY

SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

The Patterson Library is committed to reducing our environmental footprint and promoting environmental stewardship at all levels of our organization. Our goal is to minimize our organization's impact and maximize future generations' ability to live, work, and play in our shared natural environment, with equal access to clean air, clean water, and natural resources.

The Patterson Library will promote principles of sustainability in our policies and practices. These include practicing safe and responsible use of the environment; maintaining partnerships with area schools, organizations, agencies, and businesses to further the mission of all partners; promoting community resilience; and utilizing public funds in fiscally responsible ways.

We will strive to minimize pollution and waste, conserve energy and water, protect habitat, support renewable energy resources, buy environmentally friendly products, and encourage environmentally preferable transportation.

These efforts will extend to contractor and supplier relationships. We will encourage contractors and suppliers serving or otherwise acting on behalf of the library to meet our standards of environmental performance.

Employee understanding and involvement are essential to the implementation of this environmental policy. All employees will receive a copy of this policy and be educated about our library's efforts to continue to strive towards the "triple bottom line" definition of sustainability: to be truly sustainable, an organization must embody practices that are environmentally sound, and economically feasible, and socially equitable. Employees at all levels of the library will be asked to be involved in supporting our goals.

The Board of Trustees pledges its commitment to support sustainable principles that follow the triple-bottom line methodology to ensure a resilient, sustainable community and Library for all residents, through its collection, programs, and community services.