

Town of Southern Shores
Sustainability Plan – August 2008

Mission Statement: Town of Southern Shores will operate in a manner that conserves and protects our air, water and land resources; become a model of environmental stewardship for local governments, and businesses in our region, and; use and apply the Town's existing and future resources wisely for the benefit of its citizens.

1. Research and possibly implement "green fleet" policy.
2. Establish an energy manager position/responsibility or management team with the Town.
3. Research and possibly implement alternate energy sources for all Town facilities.
 - Solar power
 - Wind power
 - Participate in renewable energy
4. Practice energy conservation in all Town facilities.
 - Implement suggestions in the Energy Audit report
5. Practice waste minimization and recycling in all Town facilities
6. Include environmental considerations in purchasing decisions for goods and services.
 - Purchase printer/copy paper products that contain 100% recycled material with a minimum 20% post-consumer content
 - Purchase green office supplies: paper (other than printer/copier) metal or plastic products that contain a minimum 10% recycled materials and/or meet the green seal standard.
 - Purchase remanufactured Inkjet, laser and toner cartridges
 - Purchase cleaning products that meet the green seal standard
 - Purchase computers, monitors and appliances that are Energy Star certified.
7. Provide employees with opportunities and incentives to practice environmentally sound behaviors.
 - Flexible work hours
 - Encourage alternate means of commutation, encourage carpooling, group travel to official functions with the availability of using town vehicle for official business
8. Reuse existing buildings and infrastructure and maintain and preserve land to protect the natural environment.

- Follow LEED building rating system
9. Require environmentally sensitive design options in all new facilities and retrofits.
 10. Actively explore the feasibility of implementing new and innovative products, plans, and practices that provide environmental benefits, and inform elected officials and property owners of new opportunities.
 11. Develop a program for continuous review of Town activities to detect practical ways of reducing the adverse impact on the environment and carefully evaluate new opportunities to achieve sound environmental practices in government operations.
 12. Encourage sound environmental practices by assisting and educating town businesses and property owners with conservation methodologies that protect our air, water and land resources.