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Leon County's sustainability efforts are centrally coordinated through the Office of Sustainability.

The Office of Sustainability serves to lead internal government operations toward a more sustainable future and works to support sustainability efforts within the community.

The office provides leadership, education, policy analysis, project development, measurement and accountability for the County's sustainability efforts. It's a resource for County operations and community residents for topics related to energy conservation, waste reduction and recycling, green building practices and products, greenhouse gas emissions and more.



## **Office of Sustainability**

## SUSTAINABILITY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

• The Office of Sustainability was formally established, and a full-time Sustainability Coordinator was hired to spearhead the County's sustainable efforts.

• Designed and launched the Growing Green website as an interactive resource for County operations and the community, located at **www.LeonCountyFL.gov/GrowingGreen**.

• Studied and replaced 26 individual air conditioning units. Combined, these enhancements are anticipated to reduce energy costs by approximately \$9,600 and 123,504 pounds of green house gas annually. This improvement is equal to the benefit of 1,436 seedling trees growing for 10 years.

• Partnered with the Council of Neighborhood Associations to launch the Tallahassee Neighborhood Energy Challenge. Residents competed for the largest reduction in electricity usage. The Energy Challenge received the Best Practice Award from Sustainable Florida.

- Introduced recycling to six Leon County athletic park facilities and five community centers.
- Assisted in the design of the new Eastside Branch Library, which will be constructed to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver standards. Once complete, the building will serve as a local demonstration center of creative and functional ways to build sustainably.

• Planned and implemented the first annual "Solid Waste Spectacular," an event designed to educate the public on services provided by the Leon County Solid Waste Division. The event was attended by more than 150 community members.







Leon County will be hosting the Sustainable Communities Summit in May 2010 to educate more than 350 attendees about locally grown food and 'green' economic development.

