

# Hanson Public Library

## Sustainability Policy

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The Hanson Public Library recognizes the important role libraries play in larger community conversations about resiliency and a sustainable future. We support sustainable principles that ensure a resilient, sustainable community and Library for all residents. We are committed to minimizing our environmental impact, promoting environmental stewardship at all levels, and maximizing the ability of future generations to live, work, and play in our shared natural environment, with equal access to clean air, clean water, and natural resources. We will strive to minimize pollution and waste, conserve energy and water, protect habitat, support renewable energy resources, purchase environmentally friendly products, and encourage environmentally preferable transportation.

Employee understanding and involvement are essential to the implementation of this Policy. Employees will be encouraged to apply sustainable thinking with regard to collections, programs, services, technology, and partnerships and will be educated about the Library's commitment to support the American Library Association's Triple Bottom Line framework for sustainability: "To be truly sustainable, an organization or community must embody practices that are environmentally sound AND economically feasible AND socially equitable."

As we seek to reduce our impact on the environment, we will continually evaluate our processes and seek methods to measure our impact and communicate results.

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