

Principles for Sustainable Governance

Sustainable governance requires commitment, innovative ideas and inclusive decision-making.

Goals and actions should incorporate local and global objectives.

1. *PRSERVE EARTH'S NATURE*
 - a. Curtail activities that result in negative impacts on air, land, water and nature.
 - b. Protect environmentally sensitive areas and wildlife with applicable zoning, laws and enforcement.
 - c. Rehabilitate areas afflicted with environmental degradation.
 - d. Reclaim areas integral to watersheds, eco-systems and wildlife preservation.
2. *USE RESOURCES SUSTAINABLY*
 - a. Conserve water, minerals and living resources (such as fish and timber).
 - b. Consolidate operations to reduce duplication of service. This can reduce the amount of equipment, supplies, storage, maintenance, staffing, etc. Ie; consolidate park and school grounds maintenance.
3. *CONSUME CONSCIENTIOUSLY*
 - a. Use goods and services that support social, economic and environmental integrity.
4. *REDUCE WASTE*
 - a. Minimize the production of waste: especially toxic waste.
 - b. Follow the 3 R's: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.
5. *CONSERVE ENERGY*
 - a. Utilize efficient electrical and fuel powered equipment.
 - b. Ensure that all forms of transportation are effective.
 - c. Walk, bike or take transit instead of using a personal vehicle.
 - d. Create and employ environmentally friendly technologies. Ie solar, wind or tidal power.
 - e. Take measures to conserve non-renewable resources. Ie: develop hydrogen fuel cell powered engines, live closer to work, utilize services and retail outlets closer to home, etc.
6. *ANTICIPATE EMERGENCIES*
 - a. Reduce risk to the community through safety based planning.
 - b. Promote public awareness programs for all emergency events.
 - c. Ensure that emergency response plans are kept up to date.
7. *PREVENT ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH PROBLEMS*
 - a. Make the welfare of people and nature an essential part of all planning.
8. *INVOLVE THE PUBLIC IN DECISION MAKING*
 - a. Keep residences informed on important issues.
 - b. Provide a means for public participation in decision-making.
9. *BE A LEADER*
 - a. Be pro-active in matters of sustainability
 - b. Lead by setting an example.
10. *CONDUCT ANNUAL AUDITS OF SUSTAINABILITY*
 - a. Review government performance and present to the public for appraisal.

