Sustainability

The Southold Free Library recognizes the important role it plays in the community's sustainable future. The Library Board of Trustees and staff are committed to reducing the Library's environmental footprint and promoting environmental stewardship at all levels of the organization. Our goal is to minimize the organization's impact and maximize future generation's ability to live, work and play in our shared natural environment with equal access to clean air, clean water and natural resources.

The Library supports sustainable principles that ensure a resilient, sustainable community and Library for all residents. We strive for economic efficiency, to conserve energy and water, support renewable energy resources, minimize pollution and waste, protect habitat, buy environmentally friendly products, and encourage environmentally preferable transportation. These efforts are extended to contractor and supplier relationships.

Employee understanding and involvement are essential to the implementation of this sustainability policy. Administration and the Board of Trustees encourage Library staff to be proactive and apply sustainable thinking in the areas of their facilities, operations, policy, technology, programming and partnerships. All employees will receive a copy of this policy and will be educated about and participate in the Library's efforts to strive towards the "triple bottom line" definition of sustainability: Using practices that are environmentally sound, economically feasible and socially equitable.

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