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# WILLIAM & MARY SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

For over 300 years, the College of William & Mary has had a tradition of educational excellence that has prepared its graduates not only for positions of leadership but also for service to the greater community. As a leader in higher education, the College should set an example for present and future generations in the use of natural resources. To meet this responsibility, the College institutionalizes, through the adoption of this policy, its commitment to promote sustainable practices that will meet its present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own. This commitment reflects the College's understanding of the importance of wise use of finite natural resources that considers the consequences of present use on long-term priorities. In recognition of this commitment, the College of William & Mary adopts the following policy goals.

#### **ENERGY**

- Implement operational procedures, standards, and goals to improve energy efficiency.
- Pursue LEED certification standards for new construction and major renovations.
- Encourage individual students, faculty, and staff to think about energy use in their daily lives.

# LAND USE

- Preserve land cover and minimize impervious surface when constructing new and renovating existing facilities.
- Consistent with overall program objectives, site facilities and structures in a way that promotes sustainable practices, including the preservation of green space, the minimization of the loss of other land cover, and the maintenance of a low ratio of impervious to natural surfaces.

#### WATER USE

• Implement operational procedures, standards, and goals to decrease water use.

# WASTE MANAGEMENT

• Promote a comprehensive and effective waste recycling program.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

• Promote transportation choices that minimize the use of fossil fuels.

#### **PURCHASING**

- Consider the sustainable impacts and life-cycle costs of materials and equipment when making purchasing decisions.
- Pursue renewable sources of energy for the campus.

#### **EDUCATION**

• Educate the campus community about sustainable energy, land and water use, waste management practices, transportation choices, and materials purchasing choices.

The Committee on Sustainability (COS) will develop a plan, with timetables, to implement these policy goals, taking into account financial feasibility. COS will update the plan annually and will report its progress to the President and College community.

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