

# ***Washington Hospital Healthcare System Statement of Environmental Goals***



**T**he Washington Hospital Healthcare System (WHHS) affirms our commitment to promote healthier communities both locally and globally. We will strive to be an environmental leader in a manner that protects environmental and human health.

WHHS recognizes the critical link between human health and the health of the environment. We will implement when feasible, new and innovative ways to improve environmental performance through conservation, purchasing, reduction, re-use and recycling programs, and through partnership with others in the community to safeguard the environment.

WHHS will strive to achieve optimal environmental standards consistent with our mission, including our commitments to clinical excellence, community benefit, and fiscal responsibility.

In an effort to respect and protect the earth's resources, restore environmental quality, and protect human health, WHHS establishes the following Environmental Goals:

- To instill environmental responsibility as a corporate value.
- To incorporate environmental considerations and total facility life-cycle analysis into building design, construction and renovation strategies.
- To minimize the generation of waste through source reduction, re-use and recycling programs.
- To manage, minimize and eliminate, where possible, the use of hazardous materials.
- To strive to purchase and utilize environmentally preferable products and services.
- To conserve energy/water and improve the energy/water efficiency of our operations. Make every effort to use and promote environmentally safe, cost-effective and sustainable energy sources.
- To evaluate and minimize each aspect of our organization's impact on global climate change.
- To use renewable natural resources and conserve non-renewable natural resources through efficient use and cost-effective and careful planning.
- To employ prevention strategies to minimize negative environmental impacts we cannot eliminate.
- To provide healthy nutrition options by offering organic and sustainable products to our patients and customers based on current science and best practices.
- To ensure the health and safety of our employees by promoting safe work practices, reducing exposure to hazardous substances, and using the safest technologies and processes.
- To provide employees with safety and environmental information through training and educational programs that enable and encourage them to make work practice decisions in support of these principles.
- To be a leader in the community, and provide educational opportunities that help community members make decisions that support the health of our environment.
- To partner with other community resources who share our commitment to a healthy environment.
- To set annual goals and develop action plans to continuously improve the quality and measurable outcomes of our environmental programs.
- To monitor, evaluate and report on our practices as they relate to these environmental goals.

*Adopted by the Washington Township Health Care District Board of Directors November 21, 2011.*