# Sustainability Plan

#### **Reduce Energy Demand**

Suggestions: HVAC tune-up; Power off computers; Replace equipment as necessary using energy smart equipment; LED lighting conversion; Lighting motion sensors; Smart energy strips.

Action	Target	Manager/Team	Timeframe (such as monthly)	Notes
Example-power off computers	70% compliance	Building manager	Check compliance monthly	

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## Energy Alternatives, such as Solar/Heat Pumps

Consider investing in alternative/renewable power, including Solar panels; Heat pumps; Renewable energy from Xcel

Initiative: Energy Alternatives				
Action	Target	Manager/Team	Timeframe	Notes
Example – investigate solar	By 1-25	Get volunteer	Monthly report: cost; plan; areas, implementation	





## **Transportation Options**

Consider alternatives: Consider electric vehicles; Encourage cycling to work; Work from home policy;

Initiative: Transportation Options				
Action	Target	Manager/Team	Timeframe	Notes
Example – work from home policy	By 1-25	Every manager	Monthly report: each department sets plan; implement; status	





#### **Reducing Waste**

Evaluate options to reduce waste, including Waste audit; Energy audit; Water audit; Institute recycling for single stream (paper, glass, metal, plastic); Composting; Set up hazardous waste system/policy; Make sure events use sustainable/recyclable materials.

Initiative: Reduce Waste				
Action	Target	Manager/Team	Timeframe	Notes
Schedule waste audit	By 1-25	Get volunteer		





#### **Sustainable Procurement**

Evaluate options to increase sustainability across procurement/packaging, such as: Discuss sustainability with suppliers; Investigate sustainability options in packaging; Find local or fair-trade partners.

Initiative: Sustainable Procurement				
Action	Target	Manager/Team	Timeframe	Notes
Schedule waste audit	By 1-25	Get volunteer		





#### **Conserve Water and Adjust Landscaping**

Get creative with across-the-business sustainability, including Conserving water (water-smart fixtures); Natural landscaping with corresponding reduced water demand; Increase permeable spaces to reduce flood risk; Plant trees to shade the building

Initiative: Conserve Water				
Action	Target	Manager/Team	Timeframe	Notes
Example – water smart fixtures	By 1-25	Get volunteer	Monthly report: cost; plan; implementation	





### **Goodwill through Community Sustainability**

Consider ways to contribute to a sustainable community, such as: Sponsor volunteer efforts to participate in environmental events; Road cleanup by company; Support a local environmental organization.

Initiative: Goodwill - Community Sustainability				
Target	Manager/Team	Timeframe	Notes	
By 1-25	Every manager	Monthly report: each department sets plan; implement; status		
	Target	Target Manager/Team	Target Manager/Team Timeframe  By 1-25 Every manager Monthly report: each department	





## **Plan Notes**

Sustainability Plan Component	Your Plan
Duration (example: 1-24 to 1-25)	
Statement (Goals)	
e.g., halve energy use. reduce waste 30%.	
create a plan for transportation- related emissions. improve HVAC.	
get energy star office equipment. Initial Measurements	
Carbon Footprint/tons: Energy Consumption/kWh:	
Gas Consumption/Therms:	
Waste/cubic yards:	
Recycling/cubic yards:	
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