



Sustainability Policy

South Central Regional Library Council (SCRLC) is committed to environmental sustainability, social responsibility, and economic stewardship in all aspects of its work. As a regional, multitype library system, we aim not only to reduce our own environmental footprint, but also to support and advance sustainable practices across our member organizations. SCRLC will follow the “Triple Bottom Line” mindset of sustainability as defined by the [American Library Association’s Resolution for the Adoption of Sustainability as a Core Value of Librarianship](#): “To be truly sustainable an organization or community must embody practices that are environmentally sound AND economically feasible AND socially equitable.” Thus, SCRLC staff and the Board of Trustees pledge commitment to support sustainable principles that follow the triple-bottom line methodology to ensure a resilient, sustainable community for all residents.

Our goals, which apply to both our headquarters and home office environments, are as follows:

Employee engagement is essential to the success of this policy. Every employee will receive a copy of this policy, be informed about SCRLC’s environmental efforts, and be encouraged to actively support and contribute to these goals.

Environmentally Sound:

- Comply with all applicable environmental regulations.
- Maintain active participation in and alignment with the Sustainable Libraries Initiative Certification Program.
- Reduce energy and water consumption by using the most energy-efficient items and practices that support renewable energy sources whenever practical.
- Minimize pollutants by choosing the most environmentally friendly products that are able to perform a comparable job at a competitive price.
- Increase our recycling efforts and minimize our waste.
- Encourage environmentally preferable transportation, including reducing unnecessary travel and combining trips when possible.

Economically Feasible:

- Donate equipment no longer useful to SCRLC staff to members, other non-profit organizations, or reuse centers whenever practical.

- Encourage our contractors, vendors, and anyone acting on SCRLC's behalf to also meet our standards of environmental performance.

Socially Equitable:

- Provide resources and opportunities for members to learn about sustainability
- Ensure social equity continues to be central to the planning and operations of SCRLC programs and services through the Plan of Service and Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Justice, and Accessibility Plan.

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