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Sustainability

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Sustainability at Sedgwick County

What is sustainability?

A commitment to meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs by considering all of the following factors when forming policies and making program management decisions: Economic Development, Environmental Protection, Institutional and Financial Viability, Social Equity.

Sustainability Task Force History

In July 2007, a task force was created to address sustainability in Sedgwick County.

The county manager's charge was to begin placing a stronger emphasis and focus on sustainability within our internal practices as a precursor to implementing community-wide sustainability policies in the future.

Factors relating to economic development, the environment, financial and institutional viability and social equity often are interrelated.

Making decisions based on these factors will help us create an organization where decisions are based not only on what makes the most sense now, but what makes the most sense for the future.

Four Factors of Sustainability

Economic Development

The process of initiating, promoting, supporting, and facilitating the creation of wealth and employment opportunities.

Environmental Protection

Focuses on minimizing Sedgwick County Government's impact on air, water, and land.

Institutional and Financial Viability

The process of making fiscally responsible decisions, while considering the present and future impact to the effectiveness of our organization.

Social Equity

The equitable access to and distribution of public resources to the community, via education, partnership, and intervention.

Role of Sustainability Task Force

- Serve as a resource for departments
- Provide contact information and reference materials for the organization
- Administer annual sustainability surveys to employees to monitor progress and provide recommendations to the county manager
- Organizational education, promotion, and oversight of sustainability
- Recommend specific measurable actions for the County organization

