

73-08-1 Sustainability Policy

References:

- Executive Order 02-03 Sustainable Practices by State Agencies
- Executive Order 04-01 Persistent Toxic Chemicals
- Executive Order 05-01 Establishing Sustainability and Efficiency Goals for State Operations (supersedes 04-06)
- Executive Order 07-02 Washington Climate Change Challenge
- HB 2815 Climate Action and Green Jobs 2008
- Commission Proclamation on Sustainability and Being Green
- Centennial 2013 Vision and Plan
- Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Sustainability Plan

Preamble:

This Policy applies to all employees as well as the facilities and equipment operated by the staff of the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission (WSPRC). The policy is rooted in Legislative direction to all state agencies and by Governor's Executive Orders 02-03 and 05-01. It supports the Commission adopted Centennial 2013 Vision and Plan and is initiated based on the Commission's August 10th, 2007 proclamation stating: "The Commission hereby directs staff to develop a plan to make Washington State Parks the leading state park system in the country for sustainability and being green. The plan should include a definition of sustainability, key "green" components and a time line for implementation. The initial plan should be presented to the Commission before year's end in 2008."

A. Purpose

To provide Commission approved policy direction required to implement the Commission's commitment to institute an agency-wide ethic of sustainability and the practice and actions of "being green" within Washington State Parks so that Washington State Parks can become the national leader among state park agencies for environmentally sustainable practices.

B. Definitions

1. Sustainability: An ethic that guides individual and organizational decisions resulting in the conservation of environmental, economic and human resources for current and future generations.
2. Being green: Practices and actions that protect the environment and meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of those who come after us to meet their needs.

C. Policy

It is the policy of the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission that the ethic of sustainability and the practice and actions of “being green” be integrated into every aspect of agency operation so that Washington State Parks will be the sustainability leader among state parks nationwide.

D. Strategy

The Washington State Parks Commission:

- Will adopt and periodically update a Sustainability Plan that describes the full scope of agency actions related to sustainability and “being green” including metrics based targets and specific timelines.
- Directs staff to consult with both public and private leaders in sustainability and “being green” to increase Commission and agency understanding as rapidly as possible.