

Sustainability

The Hauppauge Public Library is committed to taking steps to ensure the long-term sustainability of the community we serve. The “triple bottom line” definition of sustainability is our overriding principle, ensuring that our practices are environmentally sound, economically feasible and socially equitable.

The Hauppauge Public Library will promote principles of sustainability in our policies and practices. These include practicing safe and responsible use of the environment; maintaining partnerships with area schools, organizations, agencies, and businesses to further the mission of all partners; promoting community resilience; and utilizing public funds in fiscally responsible ways, including:.

1. Incorporate environmentally-sound purchasing and consider energy efficiency in all aspects of library purchases, plans, and operations;
2. Maintain responsible site management practices to minimize pollution and waste, conserve energy and water and protect habitat;
3. Provide employees with training and education to recognize, plan, and incorporate “triple bottom-line” principles in all aspects of library services;
4. Adhere to local solid waste management principles and the separation law to discard materials responsibly;
5. Provide at least four public programs annually on sustainability issues, including but not limited to environmentalism, disaster and recovery planning, financial literacy, and equity and inclusion;
6. Encourage environmentally-friendly modes of transportation, especially for business travel;
7. Encourage and facilitate the Board of Trustees’ and key management personnel’s active participation in the community on behalf of the Library;
8. Communicate this Policy and relevant procedures to employees, suppliers, contractors and other stakeholders.

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