

Environmental Impact Policy

Policy Statement

Recognizing the value of sustainability, the Rochester Hills Pub Public Library (“Library”) will make efforts to reduce the Library’s environmental impact and prioritize environmentally conscious use of tax-payer funded resources.

Regulations

1. The Board of Trustees will evaluate the costs and benefits of low-impact, low-polluting, and sustainable options when designing, building, or refurbishing facilities and when selecting furnishings and equipment.
2. The Board of Trustees will evaluate the costs and benefits of fuel-efficient, no-emission, and low-emission options when purchasing vehicles for library operations.
3. The Library Director will develop objectives and action items on the strategic plan that may include (but are not limited to) the following:
 - improving energy efficiency of facilities to reduce energy use, pollution and emission of greenhouse gasses;
 - implementing operations, housekeeping, and maintenance practices that reduce impacts on the environment through conscientious energy use, chemical use or solid waste production;
 - optimizing reuse, recycling, diversion of, and repurposing solid waste disposal;
 - implementing sustainable landscape design and infrastructure that supports water conservation and native plant and fauna biodiversity, and minimizes the use of non-natural products;
 - Providing learning opportunities with active and passive programming about the topic of environmental sustainability.
4. Library employees shall be empowered to work collaboratively with one another and with their supervisors to make environmentally conscious decisions about library resources within the scope of their job responsibilities.

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Rochester Hills Public Library Board of Trustees