

DENR Sustainability Team 2008 Review

To further sharpen its focus, the Sustainability Team approved its first Strategic Plan in 2008. Included in the plan are the team's mission, vision and goals and objectives.

In keeping with its first goal "Develop and Facilitate Implementation of DENR Sustainability Program and Policies," the team:

- Recommended motor fleet policy changes to DENR management, including placing a mileage floor on general vehicle purchases and considering low-polluting vehicles for future vehicle purchases.
- Distributed "Drive 55" cling stickers to all divisions for placement in all DENR vehicles.
- Participated in and promoted the Smart Commute Challenge.
- Worked with DPPEA to develop a departmental teleconferencing recommendation.
- Promoted contract for green cleaners for all DENR buildings.

To support its second goal, "Initiate, Coordinate and/or Promote DENR-wide Environmentally Sustainable Activities," the team:

- Presented annual Sustainability Awards.
- Continued placing recycling bins at various DENR locations.
- Developed carpool registry for the Sustainability portal.
- Conducted book exchanges.

To "Enhance Employee Sustainability Awareness" (third goal), the team:

- Revamped its Web presence.
- Distributed monthly GreenerDENR articles to all DENR employees.
- Participated in DENR employee orientation.
- Supported and participated in Earth Day activities throughout the state.
- Provided volunteers for the Green NC State Fair Exhibit.
- Partnered with the Division of Water Resources to provide more than 1,200 water-saving kits to DENR employees.

And, to meet the team's last goal, "Assessing and Reporting Sustainability Activities," it:

- Developed and approved the first Sustainability Team Strategic Plan.
- Published its first Annual Report.