

Sustainability Performance Plan

FY 2022

*This report was written in compliance with
section 5 of Executive Order 1.*



Sustainability Performance Plan

Executive Order 1 (EO 1) calls on Executive Branch agencies to advance environmental leadership and cost savings for taxpayers by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other sustainability objectives in energy use in buildings and vehicles, water use, and waste disposal.

The goals of EO 1 include:

- 45% reduction in GHG emissions below 2001 levels,
- 10% reduction in water consumption from a FY20 baseline, and
- 25% reduction in waste disposal from a FY20 baseline.

Sustainability Performance Plans are plans drafted each year by Senior Sustainability Officers to detail agency progress and necessary goals, actions, and responsible parties to achieve the targets set in EO 1.

This report includes details on sustainability initiatives and participation in the GreenerGovCT initiative in FY22.

Agency Details

Agency: Public Defender Services

Senior Sustainability Officer: Jen Loo & Kymberly Cianci

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GreenerGov CT Participation Overview

1. How has your agency worked towards the sustainability goals of EO 1 in FY22?

We continue to explore transitioning agency vehicles to EV. As tenants of DAS and the Judicial Branch, we have run into issues regarding installation of EV chargers where our vehicles are stationed. In FY22, we have continued to meet with DAS, the Judicial Branch, and other state agencies in attempts to overcome obstacles to infrastructure issues.

We remain committed to reduce, reuse and recycle, and educate our staff on best practices for reducing water use.

2. List key agency staff involved in EO 1 in FY22.

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Sustainability Projects

3. **How many projects has your agency implemented that had a positive impact on sustainability in FY22? Include projects relating to infrastructure improvements as well as behavioral change that took place in owned, leased, or occupied space and were either in progress or completed in FY22.**

We encouraged online meetings, virtual seminars, whenever possible to reduce traveling and GHG emissions. We continue to promote recycling and waste reduction, monitor and report water leaks.

4. **Provide a summary of the sustainability projects completed in FY22 at your agency. For each project include:**
- a. **Project summary**
 - b. **Project location**
 - c. **Project status**
 - d. **Project benefits**
 - e. **Projected savings (in dollars and the appropriate unit of measurement if known)**

Sustainable Materials Management

- a. Enhance recycling practices by promoting, displaying and educating staff on recycling guidelines
- b. Statewide
- c. On-going
- d. Reduce waste and GHG emissions

Sustainable Water Use

- a. Educate staff on responsible water use and report leaks
- b. Work and at home
- c. On-going
- d. Decrease water waste and consumption

Clean and Efficient Transportation

- a. Reduce travel by encouraging online meetings, virtual seminars, whenever possible
- b. Statewide
- c. On-going
- d. Reduce GHG emissions.

Future Plans

5. What planned sustainability initiatives beyond FY22 does your agency have relating to GHG reduction, water use reduction, and waste reduction?

GHG Reduction – Transitioning agency vehicle fleet to EVs.

Reduce water use – Using WaterSense to help our staff understand responsible water use and reducing water consumption.

Reducing waste – Promote and encourage recycling. Reduce paper use by leveraging technology and going electronic. Revisit possibility of composting waste.