

Sustainability Performance Plan

FY 2023

*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 FY23.

Agency Details

Agency: Connecticut State Library

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GreenerGov CT Participation Overview

1. How has your agency worked towards the sustainability goals of EO 1 in FY23?

We continue to use the rule of less paper usage around our agency, sending DAS electronic invoices versus paper ones. We had a paving project completed at our Rocky Hill library.

2. List key agency staff involved in EO 1 in FY23.

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Sustainability Projects

3. How many projects has your agency implemented that had a positive impact on sustainability in FY23? 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 FY23.

We've had a replacement of another one of the AC units at our Middletown location, which is more efficient. The paving project at Rocky Hill was completed in September 2023.

4. Provide a summary of the sustainability projects completed in FY23 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)**

1. AC Unit replacement was completed this fiscal year, the unit uses less energy and the temperature is evenly controlled.
2. Sending invoices electronically rather than physically equals less paper usage and more savings in energy.
3. The re-pavement project cuts down on maintenance and much easier to handle in winter weather. It adds to the safety of our patrons and staff members, avoiding injury and preventing accidents and damage to vehicles caused by broken/loose gravel and dirt. Another benefit received is curb appeal at our library.

Future Plans

- 1. What planned sustainability initiatives beyond FY23 does your agency have relating to GHG reduction, water use reduction, and waste reduction?**

We are currently reviewing the possibility of participating in the SOLAR project at Middletown and Rocky Hill.