

Sustainability & Environment

Office of Sustainability & Environment

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Department Description

The Office of Sustainability & Environment (OSE) leads the development and implementation of the City's Environmental Action Agenda (EAA). Specifically, OSE works with City departments and other partners to advance the EAA's three goals:

- Reduce human and environmental risks and lower City operating costs through increased resource efficiency and waste reduction;
- Protect and seek opportunities to restore ecological function through more sustainable approaches to managing the built environment, urban forest, and green spaces; and
- Improve mobility, environmental quality, and social equity through smart transportation services and solutions.

OSE also:

- Develops and leads the implementation of various Citywide programs such as Sustainable Building, Municipal Resource Conservation, Chemical Use Reduction, and Climate Protection;
- Coordinates interdepartmental problem-solving and action on environmental issues;
- Ensures environmental and sustainability goals are incorporated into City policies, plans, programs, projects, and services;
- Serves as a City resource and liaison on environmental and sustainability issues to residents, businesses, and nonprofit organizations;
- Represents the City on the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency Board of Directors, the Governor's Sustainable Washington Advisory Panel, and other local, regional, and state environmental committees and initiatives;
- Reports annually to the Mayor, City Council, and the community regarding progress regarding the implementation of the Environmental Action Agenda; and
- Communicates, internally and externally, about the City's environmental programs and accomplishments.

Policy and Program Changes

In the 2003 Adopted and 2004 Endorsed Budget, OSE will continue to implement the Mayor's Environmental Action Agenda. This includes helping to reduce the City's use of energy, water, paper, hazardous materials, and fleet fuel; working with City departments to develop and implement departmental environmental management systems; and developing and implementing a Citywide greenhouse gas emissions reduction target and strategy.

City Council Budget Changes and Provisos

The City Council incrementally adjusted the Mayor's proposed funding reduction to OSE.

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Resources	Summit Code	2001 Actual	2002 Adopted	2003 Adopted	2004 Endorsed
Office of Sustainability & Environment Budget Control Level	A17	743,282	741,034	551,234	562,248
Department Total		743,282	741,034	551,234	562,248
Department Full-time Equivalents Total*		5.00	5.00	4.00	4.00

*The department FTE total is provided for information only. All authorized positions are listed in Appendix A.

Selected Mid-year Performance Measures

Restore ecological function and promote environmental justice through more sustainable approaches to managing the built environment, urban forest, and green space

Number of new City buildings/remodels meeting the silver rating of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) system

2001 Year End Actuals: 0

2002 Midyear Actuals: 11 City buildings registered to meet silver LEED rating

2002 Year End Projection: 100% of projects 5,000 square feet or greater meet silver rating. Projects approved by the City's voters prior to 2000 (such as "Libraries for All" bond projects) will meet LEED silver rating to the extent that available funding permits.

Reduce human and environmental risks - and lower operating costs - of City operations through resource efficiency and waste reduction

Reduce Citywide pesticide use

2001 Year End Actuals: 1,502 lbs active ingredient (24% reduction from 1995-99 baseline; 31% reduction excluding golf courses)

2002 Midyear Actuals: 290 lbs (not all application data has been entered in database)

2002 Year End Projection: Reduce pesticide use by 30% compared to 1995-99 baseline. 2002 target = 1,378 lbs of active ingredient

Reduce Citywide paper use

2001 Year End Actuals: 179,055 reams of City copy paper

2002 Midyear Actuals: Measured at year end

2002 Year End Projection: 10% fewer reams of paper in 2002 compared to 2001 = 177,265 reams used

Increase energy efficiency of City facilities (measured in 25 representative buildings)

2001 Year End Actuals: 12% reduction in annual kilowatt hour (kwh) consumption

2002 Midyear Actuals: Measured at year end

2002 Year End Projection: Reduce energy use in 25 selected City facilities based on 1997-2000 baseline = 38,715,508 kwh

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Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Office of Sustainability & Environment line of business and program is to reduce the impact of City government operations and services on the environment, and to promote more resource-efficient and environmentally responsible practices by Seattle businesses, institutions, households, and residents.

Program Summary

Reduce funding for professional and technical services, eliminate funding for temporary administrative support, and reduce other administrative costs. Abrogate one position to provide additional budget savings. Eliminate administrative costs that OSE incurred as part of the former Executive Services Department.

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