Hendrick Hudson Free Library is going green.
Introducing the Green Team

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Our contractors and suppliers will be made aware of our commitment and will be encouraged to meet our standards of environmental performance.

Our hope is that our employees and patrons alike will take notice of our commitment to the environment and carry that over to their personal lives.

Organizational commitment:

- An environmental policy has been added to our policy manual
- Employee job descriptions include green practices
- Our annual employee review process includes criteria for adhering to sustainable practices
Of our 38 employees, 36 responded to the survey
94% believe HHFL to be and environmentally friendly workplace
The employees believe our efforts should focus on energy, recycling, paper use and green purchasing
As a result of the survey, the Green Team’s challenge is to develop a plan to better inform all employees of current and future green initiatives
A Mobile Shredder is scheduled 3-4 times a year for the public to bring their personal documents for shredding and recycling.

We participate in the Call2Recycle battery and cell phone recycling program and are a drop off location for the public.

We offer useful links and green tips on our “Green Team” page on our website.
We encourage electronic notification to patrons of library newsletters and programs.

Any book donations that cannot be used by the library are collected and picked up for recycling.
We installed LED lighting in the parking lot

We installed LED lighting in 80% of the library. Working toward 100%

All of our thermostats are set on timers with pre-set temperatures

All of our bathroom light fixtures have an auto on-off sensor
We installed a ceiling cassette in the circulation area for heating/cooling so as not to keep the main unit running unnecessarily.

We installed a variable frequency drive to the main air handler to reduce energy draw.

All computer equipment has been plugged into power strips that are shut off when not in use.

Virtual desktop technology is being actively pursued by Westchester Library System, our main computer supplier.
We reduced garbage by requiring recycling of paper and comingles by staff and encouraging it among our patrons.

- We repurpose scrap paper.
- We placed recycling bins throughout all public and staff areas.
We eliminated the purchase of plastic water bottles and encourage the use of re-usable water bottles by staff and patrons.

We recycle all donated books that can not be use for our book sale.

When printing is necessary, double sided print is used.

We are always on the look out for more ways to implement recycling – e.g. recycling k-cups with the “Recycle A Cup” product.
Researched and implemented purchasing of green alternatives for all our cleaning supplies.

All paper products we purchase are recycled with a minimum of 30% post-consumer content.

Our cleaning products are Certified Green Seal; no chlorine, phosphates, acids, caustics or petroleum-based ingredients.

We buy in bulk and use refillable sugar, salt, etc.

We aim to use all-natural soaps, buy cleaners in concentrated formulas and eliminate the use of aerosol sprays.

We have eliminated the purchase of disposable dishes and utensils for staff and most programming.
Our sprinkler system is on a timer with moisture sensors so they don’t come on if it has recently rained.

We are monitoring the water meter on a weekly basis.

We installed auto-shut off faucets in all restrooms.

We installed signs in the kitchen areas reminding staff and patrons to be sure they turn off faucets completely.

PLEASE TURN OFF WATER COMPLETELY WHEN YOU ARE FINISHED.
Transportation

- We currently have 2 staff members who drive electric hybrid cars
- We are investigating the installation of a charging station
- We encourage carpooling and alternate methods of transportation, e.g.: bicycling, walking
The library property is maintained by our in-house custodian and an outside landscaping company.

The outside garbage and recycling areas are kept free of litter and debris.

The plantings on the property are maintained and weeded on a regular basis. All beds are mulched every spring for optimum moisture and weed control.

Our landscaping contractor uses only environmentally safe products for plant maintenance and pest control. They also maintain the irrigation system annually, and it works on a moisture sensor system.

Weekly mowing in the spring and summer months allows for clippings to be recycled into the soil. In the fall, leaves are gathered and placed in piles to decompose naturally into soil.
In 2014 we hope that the changes we have put into place will show a reduction in electric usage by 3% -5% and a drop in our mixed waste, combined with an increase in our mixed recycling.
We aim to have all lighting in the building converted to LED
Investigating composting options
Investigating the viability of solar panels

Preliminary plans are under way for a building addition that will exemplify our green commitment.

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