



DENR Sustainability Team 2009 Review

During 2009, the Sustainability Team tackled a diverse list of projects to inspire a culture of sustainability within DENR. The team used its strategic plan to guide the activities of its subcommittees. Significant accomplishments were made toward meeting each of the team's four goals.

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

- Created draft Sustainable Living and Green Square Complex policies,
- Assisted Triangle Transit Authority with the Smart Commute Challenge and hosted three DENR pledge events,
- Circulated a petition to re-route the southbound CAT bus route to DENR's office building at 2728 Capital Boulevard, Raleigh, and
- Worked with the N.C. Division of Pollution Prevention and Environmental Assistance to determine departmental teleconferencing needs.

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

- Honored Sustainability Award winners in the three categories of Group Project, Individual Large Project and Individual Small Project,
- Organized two book exchange events where more than 2,500 pounds of reading material was shared, and
- Collected more than 200 pieces of used denim that will be recycled and made into insulation for Habitat for Humanity homes.

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

- Promoted the use of “Ecofont” for printing, using less ink than conventional fonts,
- Continued revisions and updates to the team’s portal site <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/sustainability>,
- Through GreenerDENR, provided employees with information for making sustainable choices, such as advantages of home photovoltaic panels, and purchasing local and sustainable food,
- Drafted employee training materials to promote departmental sustainable initiatives, and
- Participated in Earth Day at the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences.

And, to meet the team’s last goal, “Assessing and Reporting Sustainability Activities,” it:

- Used Google Analytics to monitor portal traffic, and
- Produced and distributed its second [Annual Report](#), detailing the team’s 2009 activities and accomplishments.

Each division has a Sustainability Team liaison and you can find your contact at:

<http://portal.ncdenr.org/group/sustainability/team>.