

## PROJECT SUMMARY

City of Sioux Falls, South Dakota Sustainability Program

As a municipality, we provide programs and set policies that impact virtually every element of daily life for our residents. From the urban (built) environment to open spaces, we have the ability to substantially impact the quality of life of our citizens for generations to come.

Recognizing the importance of this charge, the City of Sioux Falls established a Sustainability Program. We believe that the work we have already accomplished and will continue to accomplish will have a positive economic, environmental and social (triple bottom line) impact on our community and the region for generations to come.

The Mayor's **Leading Green Initiative and the Public Works Sustainability Program** were established in 2008. The Leading Green Initiative is a coalition of city employees from a variety of departments that meet monthly to improve the environmental sustainability of internal operations and to set an example for the community. The Sustainability Program serves as a guiding program that creates a more sustainable community by proposing and assisting with the implementation of measurable solutions to **environmental, social, and economic** concerns. These efforts focus on 4 key areas:

-  **Reducing Energy Consumption  
While Improving Air Quality**
-  **Managing Land Use**
-  **Increasing Recycling**
-  **Conserving Water**