

How Can My Garden Be More Sustainable?



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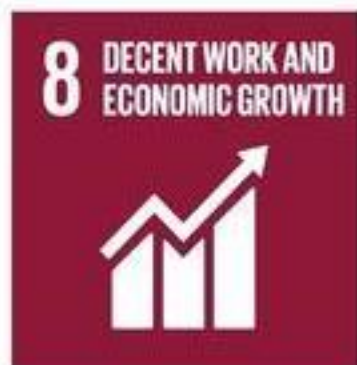
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What does sustainability mean to you?
How would you define sustainability?

To sustain: To cause or allow something to continue for a period of time; to keep alive (Cambridge Dictionary)



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS





Environmental

Water Quality &
Consumption



Biodiversity &
Conservation



Energy Use
& Impacts



Materials
Management



Social

Employee
Development, Diversity,
& Inclusion



Sustainable Community
Development



Engagement, Outreach
& Education



Health & Well-Being



Economic

Climate Adaptation &
Risk Management



Business Planning
& Management



Local/Regional
Economic Health



Strategic Planning,
Design & Governance





- Plant Collections Network
- Plant Protection Program
- Climate & Sustainability Alliance**
- Go Public Gardens
- Disaster Readiness

Public Gardens Sustainability Index

- About the Alliance
- Public Gardens Sustainability Index**
- Conservation & Biodiversity Benchmarking
- Garden to Garden Disaster Response Center
- Supporting Pollinators

to inspire gardens to
the mission of their
efforts. The Index shares
ability.

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- These Attributes are now
- Environmental**
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 - Biodiversity & Conservation
 - Energy Use & Impacts
 - Materials Management
 - Social**
 - Employee Development, Diversity, & Inclusion
 - Sustainable Community Development
 - Engagement, Outreach & Education

Employee Development, Diversity, & Inclusion	Sustainable Community Development	Engagement, Outreach & Education	Health & Well Being
Climate Adaptation & Risk Management	Strategic Planning, Design & Governance	Business Planning & Management	Local/Regional Economic Health

Gain Recognition

Demonstrate garden achievements on Water Quality and Consumption and receive **Excellence in Water Quality and Consumption** recognition.



The Workbook:
KPIs, Outcomes, Strategies



Self-Assessment:
Where is my garden on this journey?



Garden Profiles:
What are other gardens doing to promote this attribute?



Making the Case:
Why should we care about this attribute in public gardens?



UN Sustainable Development Goals:
Alignment with Attribute



Resources:
Learn more

Goals >

Key Performance Indicators >

Strategies to achieve goals >



Water Goal 1: Develop transparent standards for the governance and management of water and ensure this is apparent in garden's plans, policies, and operational norms.

Key Performance Indicator (KPI)	Outcomes
a. Garden creates a plan, policy, or protocol that guides water conservation and quality decisions and actions on site.	a. Garden has (or will have) a water conservation and quality plan, policy or protocol.
b. Garden water management practices include reducing municipally supplied water.	b. Garden water management practices include efficient methods for reducing municipally supplied water (if applicable).
c. Garden's water management practices include measuring, improving and reducing annual water discharge.	c. Water management practices include tracking/measuring annual water discharged from property (stormwater management). Water quality on site is tested regularly. Garden implements green infrastructure features to retain and reuse water.
d. Garden adopts/aligns water conservation and quality strategies with broader local/regional efforts.	d. Garden aligns water management strategies with government plan or policy, and/or collaborates with external agencies for conservation, quality, and water-wise projects.
e. Garden makes informed decisions about water resource management involving or hiring experts for projects and programs.	e. Garden has program for professional development in water resource management. Garden utilizes expertise on projects. Garden has obtained special accreditation for water use and quality.

Suggested Strategies



Ensure that irrigation infrastructure is monitored and any issues such as leaks are reported and addressed in a timely manner. Operations and maintenance staff should determine a timeline for older infrastructure that may need to be replaced both in the short term and long term. Do pilot tests for new irrigation strategies before investing in a new system (Water.1.a).



Ensure that plant collection policies are aligned with landscape design and architecture goals. Determine your most valued plant collections and the months of the year where your water usage is highest. Plant collections that require the same amount of water should be grouped together when possible. Avoid putting plant collections that require different amounts of water adjacent to one another,



Train staff that are in charge of evaluating and monitoring water quality and usage in any new irrigation or data collection procedures and methods that are more efficient. Develop a maintenance/operations plan to guide schedule and decision-making processes (Water.1.a).

a. KPI 1a: Garden creates a plan, policy, or protocol that guides water conservation and quality decisions and actions on site. *

Choose as many as you like

A Garden has a water conservation and quality plan, policy, or protocol.

B Garden has a sustainability or operational norms plan, policy, or protocol that includes carefully monitoring water use and quality.

C Garden will have a water conservation and quality plan, policy, or protocol in the next year.

D Garden does not have a water conservation and quality plan, policy, or protocol.

E Other

OK ✓

Why participate?

- Get to know your gardens strengths and weaknesses
- Get inspired by what other gardens are doing!
- Recognition: Digital ribbon, garden profile, social media coverage, and eligibility to win the Association's Operational Sustainability award





Environmental: Water Quality and Consumption

Photo credit of San Antonio Botanical Garden

Environmental: Biodiversity and Conservation



Photo credit of North Carolina Botanical Garden

Environmental: Energy Use and Impacts



Environmental: Materials Management

COMPOST



MIXED RECYCLE



LANDFILL



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Social: Employee Development, Diversity, and Inclusion





Social: Sustainable Community Development

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Social: Engagement, Outreach, and Education



Social: Health and Well-Being



Economic: Climate Adaptation and Risk Management



Economic: Business Planning and Management

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Manuel Ramon
Minister of Finance - Government
Craze, Venezuela
Ramon has led the post since the last general election, 3 years ago. Reform-minded, but wary against a conservative cabinet, Ramon is encouraging multi-nationals to invest in Venezuela. The government will have a 10% equity stake in the Beraca venture.

Valerie Vidal
CEO - Green Copper
Mexico City, Mexico
Green Copper has a contract to purchase the 35% of Beraca's output. Valerie has used the name of the company to her advantage by promoting its responsible approach to the environment. Valerie will be sensible to try negotiate how could affect the mining industry's reputation.

Zhao Liang
Operations Director -
Sao Paulo, Brazil
Xitaco does a lot of the construction elements associated with the construction of the mines and processing plants. We have negotiated low rates for the construction elements associated with working in remote locations.

Karl Ska
Venezuela
Craze, Venezuela
The report of the mining industry is a positive one. It is a good sign that the government is willing to invest in the mining industry. The government is also aware of the complications associated with working in remote locations.

Yves Niquet
Minister of Energy
Paris, France
There is a lot of interest in the mining industry. The government is also aware of the complications associated with working in remote locations.

Investors
\$ success

mining industry reputation

negotiate how could affect the mining industry's reputation

investors

\$ success

Economic: Local/Regional Economic Health



Economic: Strategic Planning, Design, and Governance



OP strategic
goals

Diagram relationships
between strategic
goals.

align objectives
= goal

Explain the
alignment
between
TPP
OP Strat Frameworks
& OP Strat Goals

Creatively look
beyond the
immediate issues.

Propose changes
to strategic goals

Interpret
information
from the
Performance
Portal

map information
to learn about
goals

Integrate the
VES, course
evaluations,
teaching evaluations
to area to
improve

Examine last
year's plans &
outcomes

Access and
read the
VES, course
evaluations,
teaching evaluations

populate
information from
data sources
eg VES, AFIR

design
goals/objectives

revise
discuss &
course objectives

map course
objectives

Explain
information

Biodiversity and Conservation at Public Gardens: Sustainability Index Webinar Series



AMERICAN PUBLIC GARDENS ASSOCIATION
Sustainability Index Series

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Event Time

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Event Timezone ET

Virtual

Registration Link <http://portal.publicgardens.org/SIJULY21>

Join us during this webinar to learn more about how your garden can enhance its biodiversity and conservation goals. Gardens worldwide engage in biodiversity and conservation work through wild collecting trips, preserving specimens in herbaria and seed banks, championing research programs to learn about at-risk plants, and protecting and propagating native plants throughout their region as well as in their own gardens. Beatriz Maruri-Aguilar from Cadereyta Regional Botanic Garden, Damon Waitt from North Carolina Botanic Garden, and Silvia Alvarez Clare from The Morton Arboretum will present on biodiversity and conservation initiatives at their gardens. Each of the presenting gardens received recognition through our Sustainability Index for their extraordinary

A close-up photograph of a purple flower, likely a Gaillardia, with a dark brown, textured center. The petals are a vibrant purple with green variegation. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green.

Thank you!

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