

## Habitat for Humanity of Burlington County and Greater Trenton-Princeton's Sustainability Pledge - July 2018

Habitat for Humanity of Burlington County and Greater Trenton-Princeton recognizes sustainability as one of our guiding principles and a key component of positive community building. We are committed to providing affordable home ownership opportunities in a manner that ensures a safe and healthy workplace for our employees; safe, healthy, and environmentally conscious communities for our partner families; and minimizes our overall potential impact on the environment. We will operate in compliance with all relevant federal, provincial, and municipal environmental legislation and we will strive to use pollution prevention and environmental best practices in all we do.

We will;

integrate the consideration of environmental concerns and impacts into all of our decision making and activities,

promote environmental awareness among our employees and encourage them to work in an environmentally responsible manner,

train, educate, and inform our employees about environmental issues that may affect their work,

reduce waste through re-use and recycling and by purchasing recycled, recyclable or re-furnished products and materials where these alternatives are available, economical, and suitable,

promote environmental awareness throughout the community and inform residents of environmentally responsible choices through programming,

implement programs which promote sustainability by supporting local economies, protecting local environments, and celebrating diversity,

educate and empower our home owners to live as environmentally conscious as possible within their means,

reduce our environmental impact by removing as few trees from our build sites, and replacing as many trees as the space will allow,

purchase and use environmentally responsible products that have been selected based on criteria including low toxicity or environmental hazard, durability, use of recycled materials, reduced energy and/or water consumption, reduced packaging and ability to be recycled, refilled or refurbished at end of life,

regularly communicate our environmental program to our clients, customers and the public and encourage them to support it,

strive to continually improve our environmental performance by periodically reviewing our environmental policy in light of our current and planned future activities.

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