

## TOWN OF GAINESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY, SILVER SPRINGS, NEW YORK

### **SUSTAINABILITY POLICY**

Today, sustainability broadly refers to the “ability to maintain something continuously over time”. A no frills meaning would be to do the right thing.

The Town of Gainesville Public Library believes in promoting the goals set forth by the American Library Association (ALA) in urging libraries to interact with the environment in a way that ensures there will be enough resources left for future generations. The Library is committed to reducing its environmental footprint and promoting environmental stewardship at all levels of its organization.

Our goal is to minimize the Library’s impact and maximize the ability of future generations to live, work, and play in our shared natural environment with equal access to clean air, clean water, and natural resources.

The Library will strive to minimize pollution and waste, conserve energy and water, protect habitat, support renewable energy resources, buy environmentally friendly products, and encourage environmentally preferable transportation. We will encourage others to meet our standards by offering opportunities for community members to learn about this stewardship.

The public library plays an important and unique role for reliable information by choosing a variety of titles that promote patron understanding of environmental issues. Various formats of materials for all ages will be purchased to promote the health of future generations. Links to qualified websites will be established on the Library website to help gather information for readers and visual learners.

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