



POLICY

Section	Administration	Date Board Approved	December 2023
Policy #	A-15	Revision/Review Date	
Subject	Environmental Sustainability		
Department	Facility		
Related Regulations & Policies	Accreditation		

1. Purpose

- a) To direct the creation of a Cypress View Foundation (CVF) action plan to identify ways to minimize CVF consumption of energy, water, solid/organic/hazardous waste products, and reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions and associated operating costs throughout CVF.
- b) To establish expectations for the reduction of GHG emissions and identify associated projects that will result in cost saving and/or increased efficiencies, throughout CVF.

2. Policy Statement

- a) CVF is aware of the environmental impact produced by health care worldwide and the negative effects on human health thereto attributable. In alignment with the framework of the triple bottom line, CVF shall strive for sustainable practices by considering patient and population needs, environmental benefits, or burdens by and through the delivery of health care, and financial responsibility.
- b) CVF is committed to exercising environmental stewardship by increasing efforts to track and reduce GHG emissions in a manner that results in strategic improvements across CVF. This reflects our commitment to financial stewardship and accountability to all Albertans as we strive to enable a sustainable healthcare system.
- c) CVF recognizes the need to engage and educate CVF representatives to support a culture that reinforces our commitment to constant improvement, fiscal prudence, and a high-performing health system. This includes as it relates to the environment, operation costs, and the health and safety of our population.



POLICY

Section	Administration	Date Board Approved	December 2023
Policy #	A-15	Revision/Review Date	
Subject	Environmental Sustainability		
Department	Facility		
Related Regulations & Policies	Accreditation		

3. Elements

Greenhouse Gas Management and Reduction

CVF shall make reasonable efforts to:

- a) Track aspects of GHG emissions following an internationally accepted protocol for Scope 1, Scope 2, and some Scope 3 emissions as defined by the *Greenhouse Gas Protocol* (World Resources Institute (WRI) and the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)), including:
 - i. electricity;
 - ii. natural gas;
 - iii. steam;
 - iv. chilled water consumption;
 - v. fuel used by CVF owned and leased vehicles;
 - vi. refrigerant releases;
 - vii. anesthetic gas usage;
 - viii. waste; and
 - ix. paper usage.
- b) Identify, implement, and monitor innovative, cost effective, and reasonably practical programs or strategies that reduce GHG emissions and water consumption that support operations and direct patient care while providing a safe and comfortable work environment;



POLICY

Section	Administration	Date Board Approved	December 2023
Policy #	A-15	Revision/Review Date	
Subject	Environmental Sustainability		
Department	Facility		
Related Regulations & Policies	Accreditation		

- c) Reduce GHG emissions and provide cost savings by minimizing travel, carpooling to meetings, restricting airline travel wherever reasonably practical, and increasing the use of alternative transportation in compliance with CVF policies.
- d) Create an action plan and targets to reduce water and GHG intensities (GHG use per square meter) and energy and water costs of our operational facilities over the fiscal year 2022/23 intensity values; and educate and inform CVF representatives, patients, and stakeholders, on the importance of GHG reduction and environmental sustainability within the context of health care and create social acceptability of new programs and policies.

4. Other Sustainability Initiatives

- a) CVF shall make reasonable efforts to:
 - i. implement waste reduction strategies and programs to reduce the volume of materials (e.g., reducing waste in operating rooms, reduce office supplies, etc.);
 - ii. implement recycling programs to reduce the volume of waste materials being directed to landfills;
 - iii. ensure our purchasing processes aim to reduce negative impact on the environment, minimize pollution and waste in supplies and packaging, and consider sustainability when sourcing equipment and supplies. These expectations shall be communicated to our vendors and those we do business with;
 - iv. for construction projects, strive to attain the highest possible Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards in respect to water efficiency, mechanical system selection, materials and resources used, waste management, indoor environmental quality, and innovative design.



POLICY

Section	Administration	Date Board Approved	December 2023
Policy #	A-15	Revision/Review Date	
Subject	Environmental Sustainability		
Department	Facility		
Related Regulations & Policies	Accreditation		

v. responsible source food which meets residents’ expectations and needs and supports operational requirements in providing a cost-effective service.

5. Definitions

CVF representative means CVF employees, students, volunteers, and other persons acting on behalf of CVF.

Sustainability means working in alignment with the framework of the “triple bottom line” to consider the environmental, social, and financial components:

- a) Environmental: ensure that resources are used at a supportable level that can be maintained long-term.
- b) Social: ensuring Our People and Residents have access to the resources they require to be healthy and safe.
- c) Financial: ensuring CVF has the resources to meet the needs of our people and Residents.

6. References

Alberta Health Services, *Environmental Sustainability Policy #1185*
<https://extranet.ahsnet.ca/teams/policydocuments/1/clp-ahs-environmental-sustainability-1185.pdf>)

Board Chair Signature

Date