

## Currituck County Sustainability Resolution

**WHEREAS**, Sustainability means focusing on the environmental, economic, and social characteristics of our community in order to meet the needs of the present without compromising the needs of future generations;

**WHEREAS**, the County is committed to lead by example, through its operations and policies, demonstrating the benefit of sustainable practices through financial savings from increased operational efficiencies and reduced energy costs;

**WHEREAS**, the County continues to support and be involved in the Currituck Goes Green initiative that will work to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments, and allow the county to thrive in the future;

**WHEREAS**, the County is committed to the design of more environmentally conscientious facilities, promoting LEED or other similar certified facilities; and,

**WHEREAS**, the County staff should be a leader in Currituck in setting policies, guidelines, goals, and strategic actions that will result in:

- a more sustainable community,
- energy, water and cost savings through the location, construction, operation and maintenance of high performance buildings and landscapes,
- increased recycling and materials reuse,
- a healthier and more productive staff and work environments,
- reduced environmental risk and liability, and
- better educated staff, elected officials, and community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** That the Board of Commissioners of Currituck County, North Carolina, authorizes County staff to develop policies, guidelines, and strategic actions for becoming a more sustainable County;

That the Board of Commissioners directs County staff to provide continual training and education opportunities for staff and the community to further sustainable stewardship;

That in order for the County to fully achieve the above initiatives, the Board requests that staff explore the feasibility of developing a Sustainability Plan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County through all the initiatives described above hereby acknowledges its commitment to the residents of Currituck County to provide a more stable, sustainable future for its residents that will ensure lasting social, economic, and environmental prosperity.

Adopted this 21 day of September 2009.

J. Owen Etheridge  
Board of Commissioners' Chairman

Attest: Gwen H. Keene, CMC