

Sustainability Policy

Hilton Head Island Area Golf Community

VISION

We strive to operate golf facilities based on sustainable guidelines that contribute to the long term health and vitality of the game of golf, and our community's environmental, economic and social wellbeing.

PRINCIPLES

Our approach to sustainable golf facility operations is guided by commitments to the following principles: Stewardship, Continuous Improvement, Leadership, Transparency, Innovation and Integrity. Our strategies and goals consider three segments of sustainability: Responsibility, Risk and Resiliency.

IMPORTANT ISSUES

The golf industry faces many challenges and opportunities. Not only do these issues affect individual golf operations, but that of the greater good of the community for a sustainable economy and existence. Due to their direct impact on us and our stakeholders, we have prioritized the following issues to address: energy use, water quality and availability, waste generation, pollution prevention, supply chain, nature and community engagement. The 2015 GHG Inventory of Hilton Head Island provided quantitative data to support these priorities.

GOALS

Contribute to the greater community's recommended target goals set by the 2015 Baseline Sustainability Assessment for Hilton Head Island to reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions 25% GHG by 2025 on Hilton Head Island.

COMMITMENT AND SCOPE

- This policy applies to golf course facilities in the greater Hilton Head Island Area, including the full scope of Beaufort County, SC.
- Experience Green is committed to promoting a collaborative effort among organizations associated with the golf community. These include but are not limited to golf facilities, local government, professional associations, civic groups, suppliers and planned communities.
- We acknowledge that we cannot control the decisions of all golf facilities, but we commit to educate them of our policy and encourage them to align operating practices with policy objectives.
- Our attention to environmental, social and economic responsibility includes working within the law and voluntarily exceeding legal requirements in order to innovate and demonstrate leadership locally and globally on issues that are important to our stakeholders and the vitality of the golf business and the Hilton Head Island Area

destination. As we advance our efforts, we are able to choose in big and small ways how our actions and words build a better quality of life for facility guests, employees, suppliers and the greater Hilton Head Island Area community.

OBJECTIVES

We commit to promote practices and action to:

1. Minimize environmental impacts in the areas of waste, water, energy and air quality.
2. Give back to and engage the community with educational experiences that promote sustainable practices, the natural environment and the game of golf.
3. Promote a supply chain that has responsible social and environmental practices
4. Create innovative approaches to measurably minimize negative environmental impacts, improve economic bottom lines and grow a community culture for sustainability.

REPORTING

1. Environmental impacts to the area will be included in measured through regular community wide GHG Inventories,
2. Economics well as regular reports from the Lowcountry Golf Course Owners Association and Hilton Head Island Visitor and Convention Bureau.
3. Facilities that engage in the GEO OnCourse and Certification programs will submit facility consumption/input data at least every three years, contributing to a database for comparison and verification of sustainability gains.
4. We will externally report on our progress with these objectives annually.

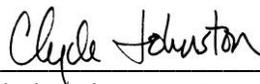
IMPLEMENTATION

This policy shall be effective immediately from the date of signature.

Dated July 1, 2015:



Mark Baker, Chairman



Clyde Johnston, Director



Teresa Wade, Founder