

# Jefferson County Sustainability Commission Framework

## Background

The Sustainability Commission (Commission) is a voluntary advisory board created by the Board of County Commissioners (Board) in February 2014 to “create an informational clearinghouse and an open compendium of sustainability best practices”. The Commission holds regular monthly public meetings.

## Purpose

Based on the direction in Board’s founding document, the Commission serves to provide expertise and promote awareness of resource conservation best practices in Jefferson County. The Commission’s Framework serves to define its fundamental operating processes.

## Definition

Sustainability is an approach to addressing residential and business issues that balance the needs of the community, economy, and environment that enhance the quality, health and vibrancy for current and future Jefferson county residents and businesses.

## Vision

The Commission champions economic vitality and a safe, healthy, and thriving community.

## Mission

The Commission will provide expertise and inspiration to maintain the unique and vibrant quality of life in Jefferson County.

## Guiding Principles

- *Think critically* – practice disciplined, data-driven thinking
- *Collaborate* – foster relationships and voluntary participation
- *Lead responsibly* - promote participatory and transparent processes
- *Innovate* – inspire creativity and ingenuity
- *Seek balance* – view Jefferson County as a dynamic and interconnected system

## Roles

The primary role of the Commission is to facilitate economic growth of the community through resource conservation. Successful implementation of this Framework will involve leveraging the voluntary and coordinated collaboration of county leaders, residents, businesses, and community organizations.

## Communication

The Commission will provide regular updates to the Board. All public outreach information will be previously submitted to the Board.