



Environmental Vision Statement

The Manchester Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) is committed to protecting the environment and will integrate environmental stewardship into all aspects of its operations.

Leadership

The Green Environmental Management System (GEMS) Committee is chaired by the Associate Director and supported by Senior Leadership. As an organization, we will continue to invest resources to support strategic plan objectives and take appropriate actions to maintain our position as a local, regional, and national leader in sustainable practices.

Acquisition

Use lifecycle costing that accounts for both the economic and environmental performance of purchases throughout use and upon disposal. Take a long-term approach in evaluating reusable versus disposable products. Collaborate with suppliers to support environmentally preferable purchasing and sustainability in procurement and supply chain transportation.

Buildings

Follow guiding principles for new construction to meet US Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design criteria.

Energy, Water, Natural and Cultural Resources

Conserve finite natural resources to reduce the VAMC environmental footprint and energy and water use intensity through new project development and operational improvement.

Pollution

Implement pollution prevention measures that reduce waste and emissions. Limit the use of hazardous and toxic substances to the maximum extent possible. Utilize the hierarchy of waste management that emphasizes source reduction and reuse first followed by recycling.

Regulations

Develop and implement a GEMS that will meet requirements of Executive Orders and comply with all federal, state, and local environmental regulations.

Sustainability

Mitigate adverse environmental impact and climate change through sustainable practices across all aspects of VAMC operations and policies. Engage and educate our staff, leaders, and healthcare providers on the connection between health and the environment to ensure a sustainable future for the people and communities we serve.

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Medical Center Director