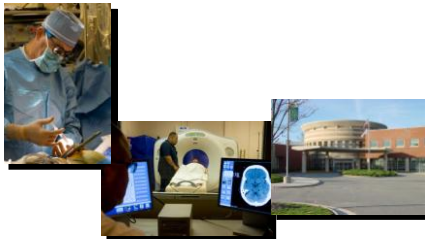




## Bon Secours Health System

### *Building Healthier Communities*

A Consistent Ethic of Health & Wholeness



## Ecological Stewardship - Greening



Deepening Our Understanding & Commitment to the Mission

## Ecological Stewardship

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### Why?

- Global awakening to the interconnectedness of all creation
- Imperatives from our faith tradition, science, and global society
- Immediacy of communication
- Awareness demands a response

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## Ecological Stewardship

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### Essential Challenges

- Changing how we think about what we do: not an add on
- Drilling deeper into the Mission and the imperatives of our faith
- Moving to a culture of solidarity and sustainability

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## Ecological Stewardship

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**“... preservation of the environment takes on a special importance insofar as the world is seen as the design of the Creator. Mankind ... was commissioned by God to act as steward for the earth's resources, and guardian of God's ‘creative work’.”**

*Pope John Paul II  
Tertio Millennio Adveniente  
11/10/1994*

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## The Call to Sustainability

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**Sustainability is the ability to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.**



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## What is sustainability in healthcare?

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- Patient care sustainability: **How do we ensure the highest quality care?**
- Environmental sustainability: **How do we do our part to protect the environment?**
- Financial sustainability: **How do we redirect resources from unnecessary expenses to impact patient-care focused initiatives?**



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## What is Ecological Stewardship?

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- A Culture of Reverence for Earth
- Policies & Practices that promote responsible use of resources e.g. waste management, reduction, recycling, elimination of toxic chemicals
- Ongoing education for all: changes in behavior
- Ecological Stewardship “Greening” relates essentially to patient care quality and the wellbeing of employees and the communities we serve

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# Ecological Stewardship

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## Specific Aspects

- Recycling
- Reduction of waste volume
- Elimination of toxic agents and materials
- Use of local, biodegradable materials
- Clean air, availability of light
- Construction and renovation
- Efficient energy and water use
- Choice of food
- Purchasing of eco-sustainable materials
- Green construction/LEEDS criteria

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# Steps to Ecological Stewardship

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- Secure Leadership support
- Integrate the program closely into the Mission
- Join Practice Greenhealth – establish baseline data
- Identify and engage multidisciplinary staff who are interested/committed to this agenda
- Form a team with representation from each facility, each key discipline

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# Green Team Membership

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Establish a multidisciplinary team including:

- Public Relations and Marketing
- Materials management
- Mission
- Operations
- Leadership champions
- Information Technology Services
- Supply chain operations
- Nursing
- Engineering
- Finance
- Pharmacy
- Environmental services
- Food Services
- Community relations

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## Steps Continued - 2

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- Develop infrastructure – overall team, facility teams, facility champions with access to CEO- a funnel for Green efforts
- Develop position description for champion
- Team establishes the program vision
- Develop action plan
- Educate employees
- Establish multi-level programs: system wide initiatives, local programs, low hanging fruit, fun

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## Steps continued - 3

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- Make efforts doable financially and culturally
- Identify resources
- Do the work – network, partner
- Data collection
- Track and measure progress
- Celebrate your achievements

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## Menu of Low Hanging Fruit

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- Use of recycled paper
- Printing on both sides of paper
- Bike Grants – to encourage pedal transportation
- Mugs and glasses vs. disposables
- Turn off lights & computer screens
- Eliminating bottled water
- Tree planting
- Posting smoke free campuses
- Bill boarding as a catalyst for the community  
– BSHSI going green

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## Tools & Partners

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- **Practice Green Health: “Eco- checklist” assessment tools, consultation**
- **Global Health Safety Initiative: updating**
- **Collaboration: CHA networking, website resources**

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## Bon Secours “Greening Program”

Year 1

- **Developed infrastructure: “Green” Team, Local System “Green” Teams with point person at each site – appointed by CEO**
- **System-wide waste stream management program led to broad spectrum recycling, financial savings, reduced RMW**
- **Energy management effort: overarching and doable**
- **Projects customized to each local system: according to financial and cultural ability**
- **Fun efforts to maintain momentum**

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## Bon Secours “Greening” - 2

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- **Assessment /reducing of System’s Carbon Footprint – Practice Greenhealth’s Eco-checklist**
- **Develop policies around elimination of toxic agents e.g. mercury**
- **Purchase/use of sustainable materials, supplies, resources, construction, etc.**
- **Ongoing education & creation of data bases**

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**The prophetic vision sees all  
of God’s creation  
connected and transformed.**

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## Questions and Reflections

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