

Duke University Environmental Policy

Duke University seeks to attain and maintain a place of leadership in environmental stewardship and sustainable ecologies on our campus, in our medical institutions and in the larger community of which we are a part. We will bring proactive vision, intellectual intensity, and high ethical standards to our pursuit of environmental leadership with research and teaching, institutional operations, and our relationship with the community.

Academics

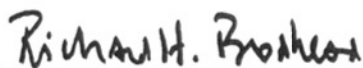
Duke University will continue to be in the forefront of environmental research and education and will continue to use our institutional capabilities to constructively affect environmental policy throughout the world. We are committed to supporting interdisciplinary environmental scholarship and research, disseminating information about environmental research and policy, increasing faculty and student awareness of environmental issues, and enhancing environmental educational offerings.

Operations

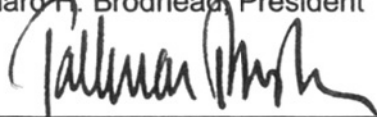
Duke University will comply with all relevant environmental laws and regulations and go beyond the requirements for compliance by integrating the values of sustainability, stewardship, and resource conservation into our activities and services. We will make decisions with the goal of improving the long-term quality and regenerative capacity of the environmental, social, and economic systems that support the University's activities and needs. We will engage in pollution prevention activities and develop and promote practices that maximize beneficial effects and minimize harmful effects of operations, research, and activities on the surrounding environment. We are committed to assessment of the environmental impacts associated with our activities and services, and we will develop and track measures of our progress.

Community

Duke University is committed to playing a constructive and collaborative role as a responsible environmental citizen in the life of the surrounding community. We will maintain a positive and proactive role in communicating with the surrounding community, especially the Durham community, regarding our environmental activities and performance.



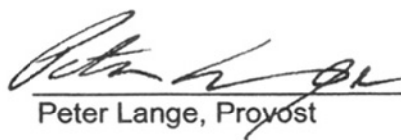
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