

OUR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY



By developing, operating and investing in high density housing, we contribute to more efficient land use patterns and enable our residents to reduce their environmental footprint. Our goal is to ensure prudent environmental stewardship through a holistic approach that focuses on maximizing resource efficiencies, mitigating climate change risks, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and reducing waste streams, while ensuring an effective use of energy, water and non-renewable resources. We also recognize that we have a role to play in communicating good environmental practices to all our stakeholders.

We work with associates, partners, suppliers and our residents to deliver on our environmental policy objectives. In order to accomplish these objectives, we endeavor to:

- Establish long-term goals and programs that drive energy, water, waste and Greenhouse Gas Emissions reductions, among other CR goals, implementing improved efficiencies into our communities and reporting publicly and annually on our progress toward these goals
- Independently audit and verify our energy, water, and waste data
- Develop and implement an energy management system ([EMS](#))
- Develop and implement an energy use measurement and monitoring program
- Analyze the portfolio for risks associated with climate change and stronger storm cycles, and determine resiliency strategies to mitigate these risks
- Promote recycling and use of recycled materials, while striving to reduce the consumption of all materials wherever possible
- Work closely with and consult our key stakeholders to develop and implement environmental improvement initiatives and stay ahead of environmental issues
- Enhance our supply chain's environmental sustainability and, where practicable, engage with and encourage suppliers and contractors who are actively minimizing their impact on the environment
- Support resident endeavors to achieve their environmental objectives, through developing and offering market-leading sustainable buildings with improvements in apartment operating efficiency
- Provide an environmentally sound workplace for our associates and establish standards that promote the use of environmentally friendly processes and materials that complement and enhance existing safety standards
- Communicate our Environmental Sustainability Policy and our commitment to environmental best practices to associates, residents and other stakeholders, and make the policy and our commitment known to the public