



# Nondepartmental Policy Briefings: Office of Sustainability



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# Overview: Office of Sustainability

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- ▶ **In the Past:** The Office of Sustainability focused on the green aspects of sustainability such maximizing operational efficiencies and advancing local food.
- ▶ **New Direction:** The Office of Sustainability will focus on the social justice and equity components of the triple bottom line that makes up sustainability, bringing the Office further in line with the County's mission and values.



# Policy Discussion: Sustainability Evolves

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- ▶ Sustainability is more than green.
- ▶ Alignment with County services.
- ▶ Relevant to the greater community.



# Sustainability Evolves: diving deeper

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The Office of Sustainability is using the stated mission of the Board to act as a framework for the work it will do in that it will:

- ▶ *Plan* for the needs of a dynamic community;
- ▶ *Provide* leadership to ensure quality services;
- ▶ *Prioritize* the needs of our most vulnerable;
- ▶ *Promote* a healthy, safe and prosperous community for all.



# Sustainability Evolves: focus for FY 2014

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- ▶ Getting to know the County and where we can serve
- ▶ Creating a team structure that will support our new direction
- ▶ Going beyond green with the departments we have already been partnering
- ▶ Identifying opportunities for collaboration and support externally to advance the County mission



# Wrap Up

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**“[T]hose of us living in environmental justice communities are the canary in the coal mine.”**

**-Majora Carter, South Bronx Project**

