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Alachua County Sustainability Policy

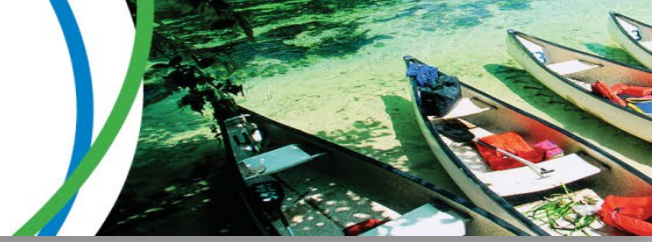
September 23, 2025
BOCC Meeting

Stephen Hofstetter



*Where Nature and
Culture Meet*

Prior BOCC Actions

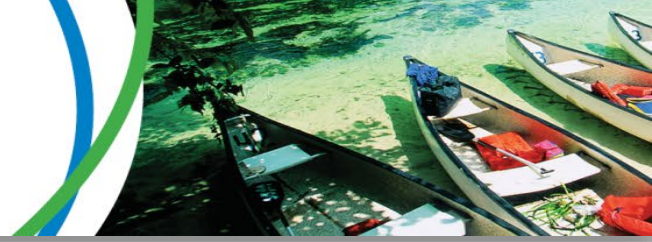


Recent Action on Sustainability / Green Procurement

Feb 8, 2022, Motion to add to existing Zero Waste Policy that Departments focus on waste reduction and consumption reduction

May 27, 2025, Motion to bring back a presentation on green procurement procedures and recommendations for a sustainable procurement policy

Green/Sustainable Procurement Procedures



Outlines -

- **Circular Economy/Zero Waste Goal**
- **Responsibilities of Departments**
- **Creation of a Zero Waste Committee**
- **Best Practices and Procurement Strategies**
- **Provides Definitions and Standards**

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Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to affirm Alachua County's commitment to sustainability, fiscal efficiency, and waste prevention by integrating environmental and social responsibility into procurement and operational practices. This policy supports the County's Zero Waste goals and ensures that purchasing decisions minimize negative impacts on society and the environment to the greatest extent practicable.

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Scope

This policy applies to all Alachua County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) departments, employees, contractors, and vendors engaged in procurement, operations, and service delivery.

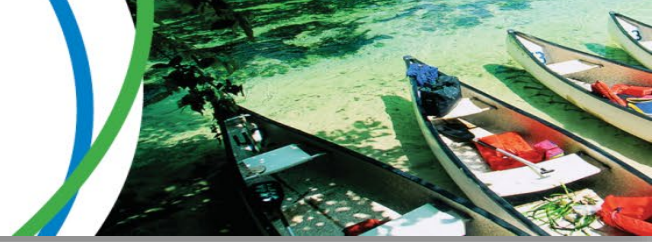
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Policy comments to:

- **Sustainable Procurement**
- **Waste Reduction and Circular Economy**
- **Resource and Energy Efficiency**
- **Continuous Improvement and Lead by Example**

Staff Recommendation



Approve Staff Recommended Policy