



EDGEWOOD COLLEGE

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Edgewood College is committed to creating a sustainable environmental management system for the entire campus living and learning community that complies with regulatory requirements, reduces our ecological impact, promotes pollution prevention, fosters continuous improvements, and is integrated into our curriculum. These goals, communicated to all persons working for, or on behalf of, the College will be achieved in the spirit of stewardship and the five Dominican values that guide college activities: Truth, Justice, Partnership, Compassion, and Community.

Complying with Regulatory Requirements: Edgewood College will operate in accordance with the laws and regulations governing waste disposal, fluorocarbon usage, water quality, thermal air emissions, pesticides, herbicides, and other environmental requirements.

Reducing our Ecological Impacts: Edgewood College is committed to pollution prevention. We will, to the greatest extent feasible, strive to reduce our ecological impacts in relationship to the Lake Wingra watershed and other natural resources by increasing the use of environmentally friendly products and building materials, designing future buildings to be energy efficient, retrofitting existing older facilities with newer energy savings technologies, restoring natural ecosystems on campus grounds, encouraging alternative means of transportation, maximizing recycling, and using local sources.

Fostering Continuous Improvement: Edgewood College will continually improve our environmental performance by documenting, measuring, reviewing, and assessing our environmental management system on an annual basis. This information will be gathered by and shared with the appropriate staff, faculty, and administrators, including the Environmental Health, Safety and Risk Management Specialist, Environmental Studies faculty, and the College's administrative leadership team. Environmental indicators will be monitored, and strategies developed, to maintain our environmental leadership among regional colleges and universities.

Integrating with Curriculum: As an education institution, Edgewood College will offer courses within our curriculum that integrate environmental issues. Through these courses, environmental awareness and conservation will enrich the learning experiences of students, providing practical solutions to work-life and home-life situations. Edgewood College will maintain a leadership role as a community resource that exemplifies environmental management excellence.

Dan Carey, President
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