



Army National Guard Sustainability

Purpose

In its Strategic Imperatives (2012), the Army National Guard Directorate emphasizes critical operational need to support ongoing unfettered military readiness and to enhance ARNG's core strengths, character and culture. Those principles are the heart of ARNG sustainability. In January 2011, the director of the Army National Guard issued the ARNG Sustainability Policy, which requires every ARNG member to embrace a sustainability philosophy, and in the fifth Strategic Imperative, the director calls upon us to "sustain our strong and historical reputation of being good stewards of resources, good neighbors and trusted leaders within our communities." These ARNG Policy elements are the organization's response to Executive Orders 13423 and 13514, the DOD Strategic Sustainability Performance Plan and the Army Sustainability Campaign Plan execution targets.

Goals

- INSTITUTIONALIZE sustainability as an organizing and management principle
- INCREASE awareness, cooperation and support for sustainable practices
- INSTILL a sustainability ethic in Soldiers and Civilians
- IMPLEMENT sustainability initiatives across the organization



Future readiness of the Army National Guard relies on today's effort to use resources efficiently, protect training areas, employ technology and improve quality of life

Mission: Empower the Army National Guard to maintain sustainable forces and capabilities to protect the nation through global and domestic operations.

Leadership and integration: Through their visibility and influence, ARNG leaders can educate Soldiers and Civilians on what sustainability means to our organization. Leadership instills the connection between mission and sustainability, approves and delegates sustainable projects, sets goals related to sustainability and publicly recognizes ARNG sustainability champions.

Integrating a sustainability framework for decision-making into every aspect of ARNG doctrine, policy, training, operations and acquisition empowers individuals to connect our personal actions to our enduring military mission, organizational energy use, long-term impacts on the natural environment, the lasting vitality of our communities and the continued well-being of our Soldiers, their families, and civilians. Through an effective integration of the sustainability ethic, we can reinforce our role and reputation as good stewards, good neighbors and leaders in our communities.

Current sustainable initiatives:

- Small and large-scale energy savings and renewable energy projects
- Economically viable recycling and waste management projects
- Vehicle and generator fuel reduction measures
- Pollution prevention in vehicle maintenance
- Unique operational improvements and projects
- Community partnerships for conservation
- Sustainability education partnerships