



# Maricopa County

## Green Government



### Overview

The largest part of the Green Government program revolves around how the County provides services and manages assets. With more than 11,000 employees and 177 buildings, the County is poised to leverage its assets and activities to make great strides in recycling, energy savings and trip reduction.

From a comprehensive recycling program to our green fleet policy to solar panels on our rooftops, Maricopa County is seeking sustainability in its everyday activities. However, this is where the typical green program ends and Maricopa County's program becomes quite unique.

## Operating in the Green

### Performance Measuring

The business adage that what gets measured gets done, remains true. So, Maricopa County will begin integrating the green goals established in the program with performance measuring.

In addition to those activities that all departments can implement, each department will annually review their specific goals, chart their progress, design additional goals created through interdepartment partnerships, and be measured on their progress toward sustainable business.

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Ultimately, the process of measuring progress provides a solid foundation for cultivating new ways of being green, making the process very dynamic in nature.

### Customer Impact

With almost 4 million residents, Maricopa County can have a dramatic impact on its service carbon footprint by understanding how our customers receive services. In other words, the County is aiming to measure not only what the delivery impact is to the environment, but also consider the public's carbon impact in receiving these services.

Programs like digital submission of building plans and online building permitting have multiple benefits when viewed in terms of the activity's overall carbon footprint.

Online business will reduce paper consumption, storage requirements and effect cost savings for the County, at the same time eliminating unnecessary paper, fuel and energy consumption by our customers.

### Policies & Practices

Finally, many of the long-term goals included in the program explore the possibility of policies and practices that encourage and offer incentives for green development and business practices within Maricopa County. Staff will review and study the various ways of encouraging environmentally-friendly development of buildings in the County and review and develop land use policies that can establish green trends.

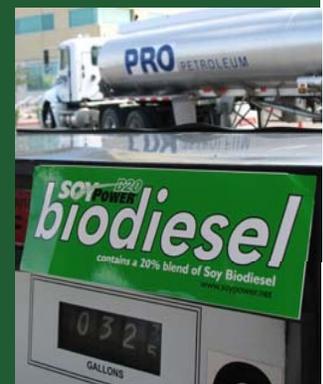
### We're on our Way

To date, Maricopa County has:

- ◆ Converted diesel fleet to biodiesel fuel
- ◆ Adopted a green vehicle fleet policy
- ◆ Contracted for an extensive energy audit
- ◆ Hired a Sustainability Manager
- ◆ Constructed an off-grid facility

Maricopa County's entire diesel fleet now runs on biodiesel fuel.

With a new green fleet policy, the County is making positive strides at improving the air quality.



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