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## Policy Statement

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**Policy Name:** Green Sanctuary

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# **GREEN SANCTUARY MISSION & POLICY STATEMENT**

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

To lead the First UU congregation in its goal to maintain Green Sanctuary awareness by continuing to identify environmental concerns and opportunities within our building, community and the world at large, and by establishing special projects and ongoing activities that allow the congregation to address these concerns and opportunities.

## **POLICY STATEMENTS**

- ▶ We (First UU) support all efforts to affirm our 7th principle: “Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part“.
- ▶ We believe that the Earth is in peril from human activities, and for us as people of faith, this is a moral and spiritual crisis of utmost importance, compelling our action.
- ▶ We will respect any public or private land that we use.
- ▶ Efforts will be made to advance consciously sustainable living by the Society, within all legal and reasonable financial parameters, in the larger context of the neighborhood, county, state, nation and world.
- ▶ Efforts will be made to continue to foster environmentally responsible practices including but not limited to use of efficient lighting, non-toxic and non-polluting cleaning supplies, avoiding pesticide use, recycling and appropriate waste disposal.
- ▶ We will continue to identify ways to reduce waste through reuse and recycling, improved energy conservation and reduction of toxic substances in product procurement.
- ▶ We will continue to identify ways to increase awareness and use of fair-traded goods and services.
- ▶ We will encourage First UU members and friends to learn about and use sustainable practices in their homes, businesses and neighborhoods.

**Green Sanctuary Accreditation was awarded to First UU by the Unitarian Universalist Association’s (UUA), Ministry for Earth, on April 27, 2011.**