



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Increasingly, government and private entities are seeking to protect our nation's overall health, natural environment and quality of life through strategies such as smart growth, new urbanism and green building. Moreover, as society becomes more aware of the threat posed by global climate change, public and private leaders are developing systems to change business operations and development patterns to stabilize and reduce carbon emissions. Collectively, these movements seek to promote the concept of **"sustainability"** – meeting the needs of the present, without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Although there is no universally accepted definition of "sustainable development," three core principles infuse most sustainable development strategies:

- Developing in a targeted, compact and balanced manner
- Promoting energy and resource-efficient development and operations
- Preserving and protecting natural resources

These principles tie directly to broader public and private sector efforts to address global climate change.

AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO MEET YOUR OBJECTIVES

Holland & Knight is uniquely positioned to assist government and private entities to support and promote sustainable development through projects, policies or operations. Our multidisciplinary team of attorneys and professionals has performed hands-on work throughout the country, and seamlessly combines in-depth knowledge in all facets of sustainable development with our nationally leading real estate, government and environmental law practices.

As one of the largest law firms in the United States with offices in 17 domestic locations, we are able to mesh our strengths in local markets with experience at the cutting edge of this emerging and evolving field. Going "green" is no longer an abstract goal or a marketing tool. In the 21st century, it is a must.

Holland & Knight knows the challenges and opportunities within this field, and is exceptionally suited to assist clients to meet their sustainable development objectives.

THE HOLLAND & KNIGHT COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY

Our Sustainable Development Team is more than just a client focus. It also encompasses our commitment to addressing the firm's own environmental footprint. From reducing the amount of energy and natural resources we consume to increasing the amount of post-consumer materials we recycle, Holland & Knight is constantly looking at new ways to sustain natural resources for future generations and contribute to the quality of life of our employees and communities.

We are dedicated to educating our own personnel on the importance of sustainability and how to integrate environmentally friendly practices in our everyday activities. Through our national recycling efforts, Holland & Knight recycles approximately 383 tons of paper each year. Holland & Knight is one of the first firms in the country to be recognized as an ABA/EPA Climate Challenge partner. Holland & Knight is also serving as a pilot firm for the implementation of the ABA's model sustainability policy.

DEVELOPING IN A TARGETED, COMPACT, AND BALANCED MANNER

Holland & Knight professionals have experience assisting government and private entities in undertaking development that lessens automobile dependence and reliance on existing infrastructure, thereby reducing the detrimental environmental, financial and social impacts of sprawl. In addition, we can assist in the planning and implementation of developments containing balanced, compact and pedestrian-oriented neighborhoods and districts, and in public and private sector efforts to provide diverse housing options and an equitable approach to environmental impacts.



- Brownfields Redevelopment
- Transit-Oriented Development
- Balanced, Compact and Pedestrian-Oriented Neighborhoods and Districts
- Affordable, Mixed-Income and Infill Housing
- Environmental Justice

PROMOTING ENERGY- AND RESOURCE-EFFICIENT DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATIONS

The move to high-performance buildings and developments is being driven by government regulation and market forces, and Holland & Knight is at the forefront of this shift. From the regulatory side to the implementation side, we assist our clients to promote energy and resource-efficient building development and operations. Our knowledge base also extends to broader environmental infrastructure projects involving energy, material recovery, solar, water supply, wastewater, and other similar projects.

- Green Building
- Historic Preservation
- Energy Efficiency
- Renewable and New Technology Energy Resources
- Water Use

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