

Policy on Sustainability

Three Mile Island is committed to designing and implementing sustainable solutions that preserve the experience we love while supporting healthy ecosystems. We are inspired by our deep connection to the island and to each other to take responsibility for preserving the beauty and the character of Three Mile Island for future generations. Respect and care for the environment; sustainable living; and intergenerational responsibility are among the fundamental values that guide planning, decision-making, and procedures. The cultural experience and natural beauty we hold dear will continue to flourish as we let these values guide our practices.

Three Mile Island • Guiding Principles for Sustainability

Realizing our vision for sustainability will require a long-term, forward-thinking commitment that is rooted in respect for the island and our community and a spirit of cooperation. We affirm and embrace the need to teach ourselves and learn from others about sustainability practices. We are committed to taking leadership to actively promote sustainability goals and share our successes and lessons learned with TMI campers and other AMC camps. Where perceived conflicts arise between cost to humans versus cost to the environment, or between immediate-term versus longer-term goals and needs, we strive for balance that respects TMI traditions, maintains or improves the camper experience, and nurtures the natural processes and beauty of Three Mile Island.

In order to move toward sustainability we must continue and improve our efforts to:

1. Meet present and future human needs while protecting the ecological resilience and integrity of the Island.
2. Integrate environmental concerns and sustainability development principles into all our planning and design processes and decisions.
3. Develop and implement purchasing practices that respect the natural environment, support fair trade principles, and that are fiscally responsible.
4. Make a commitment to consume less, waste less, and reuse and repair items, rather than throwing them away.
5. Support the local economy and community by purchasing supplies, materials, and foods as close to home as possible.
6. Encourage and provide opportunities for all members of the Three Mile Island community to develop habits of mind that support sustainability practices, both on and off the island.
7. By the year 2030, substantially reduce and ideally eliminate the use of non-renewable energy resources.
8. By the year 2020, substantially reduce and ideally eliminate the use of chemicals and other substances that are harmful to the environment.