

Definition and Vision Statement

Definition of Sustainable Development

"...to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

--The World Commission on Environment and Development
(The Brundtland Commission), *Our Common Future*
(Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1987), p. 43

Vision Statement

Our vision is of a life-sustaining Earth. We are committed to the achievement of a dignified, peaceful, and equitable existence. A sustainable United States will have a growing economy that provides equitable opportunities for satisfying livelihoods and a safe, healthy, high quality of life for current and future generations. Our nation will protect its environment, its natural resource base, and the functions and viability of natural systems on which all life depends.

--The President's Council on Sustainable Development