

## Sustainability Stewardship

McCrary Training Center has flourished for over 50 years because of the stewardship of Soldiers, employees (both Federal and State), and friends and partners. We recognize that our natural infrastructure is one of our most precious resources and a significant training enhancer; that is why the S.C. Army National Guard (SCARNG) Garrison Command has made the commitment to environmental sustainability one of our foremost strategic goals.

Sustainability was integrated into the SCARNG strategic plan and given a place of prominence by the Adjutant General who has agreed “to strengthen the SCARNG commitment to the environment by promoting sustainability through comprehensive training programs, facilities operations/construction practices, and public awareness initiatives.” The Garrison Command’s goal is to be the national leader among National Guard training sites, as well as Active Component installations, dedicated to sustainability, both educationally and operationally, and we are approaching this challenge aggressively.

The Garrison Command’s newly reinvigorated strategic focus on sustainability requires all garrison employees to become certified as Environmental Officers through completion of the SCARNG Environmental Officer’s Course offered by Environmental Programs Office. We also encourage all of our tenant organizations to have as many Soldiers, Sailors, and employees as possible become certified as Environmental Officers.

Our ambitious recycling program includes paper, glass and cardboard, and we are looking at opportunities to expand the program to include furniture, food, and computers. In 2010 we

have developed an initiative to encourage all tenant units to recycle using bins placed prominently in locations across the Training Site.

The Dining Facility manager has independently implemented a waste vegetable oil collection and recycling program. New construction is designed with LEED-certification standards in mind. Hopefully in the near future, the newly chartered SCARNG Garrison Command Sustainability Committee will develop and implement other sustainability initiatives to include improved wastewater treatment systems, solar panels for hot water, passive solar heating and thermal storage, a rainwater collection system and high performance energy systems.

Sustainability is a value that penetrates the SCARNG Garrison Command at every level. Through education, we inspire our Soldiers and employees to be advocates and innovators of sustainable practices, with the vision of sharing sustainable practices within the SCARNG and the community.