

## Sustainability Spotlight

In 2015, the United Nations adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In it, it provides a long-term blueprint for all countries to help reach their development goals while also looking out for the best interest of the planet in the midst of a climate crisis. The plan provides 17 goals for every country to work toward. These 17 goals are:

<b><u>Sustainable Development Goal (SDG)</u></b>	<i>Goal's Aim</i>	<b><u>Sustainable Development Goal (SDG)</u></b>	<i>Goal's Aim</i>
<b>1. No Poverty</b>	<i>End poverty in all its forms everywhere</i>	<b>2. Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure</b>	<i>Build resilient infrastructure, promote sustainable industrialization</i>
<b>3. Zero Hunger</b>	<i>End hunger, achieve food security, and promote sustainable agriculture</i>	<b>4. Reduced Inequality</b>	<i>Reduce inequality within and among countries</i>
<b>5. Good Health and Well-being</b>	<i>Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages</i>	<b>6. Sustainable Cities and Communities</b>	<i>Make cities inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable</i>
<b>7. Quality Education</b>	<i>Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education for all</i>	<b>8. Responsible Consumption and Production</b>	<i>Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns</i>
<b>9. Gender Equality</b>	<i>Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls</i>	<b>10. Climate Action</b>	<i>Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts</i>
<b>11. Clean Water and Sanitation</b>	<i>Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation</i>	<b>12. Life Below Water</b>	<i>Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas, and marine resources</i>
<b>13. Affordable and Clean Energy</b>	<i>Ensure access to affordable, reliable, and modern energy for all</i>	<b>14. Life on Land</b>	<i>Protect, restore, and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems</i>
<b>15. Decent Work and Economic Growth</b>	<i>Promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment, and decent work</i>	<b>16. Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions</b>	<i>Promote peaceful, inclusive societies, provide justice, and build strong institutions</i>
<b>17. Partnerships for the Goals</b>	<i>Strengthen global partnerships to support and achieve the goals</i>		

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Each of these goals address global challenges, however, in Southfield, they can also be used to help guide businesses, government officials, and individuals. From an individual perspective, small steps can make the difference. Choosing to shop locally, using clean energy like wind or solar for your house and transportation, while consuming materials in a responsible and sustainable way can make a large impact in the long run. As local and regional governments look to ensuring clean water and sustainable infrastructure for years to come, more can always be done. The U.N

Sustainable Development Goals can help to enable decision makers and leaders to help make our future one we can be proud of.

For more information, visit <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>

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