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McMaster University will provide leadership in the conservation, protection, improvement and sustainability of the environment by:

1. Informing, supporting, and promoting sustainable building principles and benefits.
2. Implementing sustainable building principles in all new and existing buildings to achieve measurable life cycle cost savings.
3. Developing new and undertaking major renovations of occupied facilities to meet or exceed the Silver Level Rating of the LEED™ (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Rating System.
4. Developing new facilities to achieve a minimum annual energy consumption saving of 35% and developing renovated buildings to achieve savings of 25%, when compared with the Model National Energy Code for Buildings (MNECB).
5. Evaluating and changing, as appropriate, University processes to promote development and operation of sustainable buildings.