



Environmental Policy Statement

Southside Bancshares, Inc. (the “Company or “Southside”) recognizes that being a good steward of environmental resources is essential to protect and sustain our environment for those we currently serve and for future generations. Southside is committed to evaluating practices and procedures in order to understand and address risk and opportunities associated with our business as it relates to climate change. We believe that operating sustainably creates long-term value for our customers, communities and shareholders through reducing risks and strengthening our communities while assisting us in meeting the expectations of our stakeholders.

To support our commitment to sustainability, we will strive to:

- Take steps to understand, identify and monitor environmental risks and opportunities associated with our business, with periodic reporting to the Company’s Risk Committee;
- Establish a management level environmental working group to enhance sustainability efforts and initiatives;
- Evaluate methods to measure, monitor and manage the use of energy and natural resources in our operations;
- Provide employees with knowledge and training to create awareness of environmental issues and promote environmental stewardship;
- Seek to utilize environmental efficient resources in branch construction, remodels and replacements;
- Consider stakeholders, including institutional shareholders, feedback to help direct our efforts; and
- Conduct business in accordance with all applicable environmental, health and safety laws, regulations and other requirements.