

## **City of Winchester Environmental Management Policy**

It is the policy of the City Council of the City of Winchester to create an environmentally safe community in which to live and work. The City is committed to implementing and continuously improving citywide environmental practices and to becoming a model of environmental performance.

To demonstrate its commitment to this policy, the City will develop an Environmental Management System that includes:

1. An audit of all municipal operations that may impact the environment;
2. Adherence to all applicable environmental laws and regulations, as well as to our voluntary environmental commitments;
3. Management of pollution sites and problems, including work with property owners, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to evaluate and rehabilitate Brownfield sites in the City;
4. Preparation of a comprehensive stormwater management plan to ensure compliance with federal and state National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) requirements;
5. Initiation of a proactive pollution prevention program through source reduction and where possible, elimination;
6. Training for all City personnel on the safe handling, use and disposal of waste and materials in an environmentally sensitive manner; and
7. Regular reassessment of municipal operations sites and procedures to reduce or eliminate adverse environmental impacts.

The City will communicate this policy to its employees, the public and stakeholders. We will encourage their suggestions for environmental improvements. Further, the City will encourage increased community involvement by providing information regarding the proper means to dispose of household waste and by initiating neighborhood clean-up programs.

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City Manager

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