



## Environmental Recognition

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**At the Alexandria City Council’s Jan. 12 meeting, its first of 2016, the Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities Department was recognized for its E-3 certification from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. An E-3 ranking recognizes facilities with fully-implemented environmental management system, pollution prevention programs and demonstrated environmental performance. “The city and this department do a phenomenal job, and we want the city to be recognized as an environmental leader,” said Thomas Faha, regional director for the Department of Environmental Quality. “[This department] is a leading example of going well above and beyond the minimum requirements.” Faha singled out the department’s native plant-tree sale for the community and ecological restoration efforts.”**