



Environmental Policy

The mission of the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities (RPCA) is to promote a vibrant, safe, and attractive city through the development of effective and efficient recreation programs, facilities, and parks for all to enjoy.

RPCA's Environmental Policy is its commitment to the sound management of environmental, historical, and cultural resources at every level throughout its scope and operations. The preservation, stewardship, and sustainability of Alexandria's biodiversity and natural resources are central to RPCA's mission. In addition, RPCA is committed to implementing the City of Alexandria's "Eco-City Charter" and the "Environmental Action Plan 2030" to promote environmental sustainability. These are important goals of RPCA's operations and environmental management practices.

Through this policy RPCA commits to:

- Responsible stewardship and protection of the environment in all its operations through an adopted ESMS Program. RPCA's key operations include planning, construction and development, park maintenance, resource management, facilities and contract management, and programs.
- Strive continually to improve efforts to reduce environmental impacts, and prevent pollution and waste as outlined in the City's ESMS and implemented through established targets, procedures and programs.
- Meet or exceed compliance with applicable federal, state, and local environmental regulations, policies, and other requirements. Compliance will be reviewed internally on an annual basis.
- Review and evaluate the effectiveness of environmental objectives, targets, and goals as established in the ESMS on a semi-annual basis.
- Provide the necessary direction and resources to all staff and those working on behalf of RPCA to implement and carry out this policy effectively.

This environmental policy will be documented, reviewed annually, implemented, and communicated to all staff and those working on behalf of RPCA. Staff will be able to access this policy on RPCA's webpage on AlexNet. Public will be able to access this policy via RPCA's website.

The Management Representative on the RPCA's ESMS Core Team is the primary contact for the oversight of this policy. The Management Representative will also coordinate the revisions to this policy as required. Any revisions to the policy must be approved by the Director of the RPCA



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