

# CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the City of Charlottesville Council has, by unanimous vote on February 3, 2003, passed a resolution adopting the following policy:

### Environmental Sustainability Policy

Mindful of our responsibility to future generations, the City of Charlottesville is building a distinctive, world class, small city with a vision of insuring the quality and sustainability of our natural and built environment. The City of Charlottesville is committed to continuously improve environmental management practices and to become a world-class model of environmental performance and stewardship. The City Manager expects that the culture and actions of the city reflect our environmental sensitivity and responsibility. As such, each individual City employee is challenged and empowered to proactively promote environmental leadership through the following four environmental stewardship principles:

- **Conservation** – to actively explore, create, and communicate environmentally sound practices that emphasize the environmental management hierarchy of pollution prevention (source reduction), reuse, recycling, treatment, and environmentally safe disposal in order to conserve and protect our region's natural resources. The conservation principle includes assessing the effect on the environment of City activities, products, and services throughout their life cycles.
- **Co-operation** – to build partnerships, inside and outside the City, to sustain and enhance our environment.
- **Environmental Compliance and Risk Reduction** – to ensure that technologies, facilities, processes, and operating procedures meet and, when possible, exceed environmental, health, and safety requirements and other requirements that the City has committed to meet.
- **Restoration** – to promptly and responsibly correct conditions that hinder sustainable environments.

In order to promote these stewardship principles, the City will develop and maintain an environmental management system (EMS), including the establishment of objectives and targets consistent with this policy and ISO 14001 Global Environmental Management Standards. The objectives of the EMS will be measurable, meaningful, and understandable.

The City of Charlottesville commits to providing human, financial, and technical resources appropriate for the management and maintenance of the EMS and to actively promote and pursue continual improvement in our EMS through self-assessments and reviews (internal and external, as appropriate),

A healthy and sustainable environment is essential for the quality of life that we cherish in Charlottesville. The City of Charlottesville will strive to be a world-class model of environmental performance and stewardship.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that we, Maurice D. Cox, Mayor of the City of Charlottesville, and Gary B. O'Connell, City Manager, support the communication of this policy to all employees and the public.

Signed and sealed on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2003

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Maurice D. Cox, Mayor

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Gary B. O'Connell, City Manager