

Environmental Protection and Sustainability Policy

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This policy establishes environmental protection standards for all development projects, industrial operations, and municipal activities within the jurisdiction.

Water Quality Management

All stormwater runoff from development sites must meet EPA water quality standards. Best Management Practices (BMPs) including retention ponds, bioswales, and permeable pavement are required for projects exceeding one acre.

Air Quality Standards

Industrial facilities must maintain emissions below National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). Annual air quality monitoring reports are mandatory for facilities with combustion processes exceeding 10 million BTU/hour.

Waste Management Requirements

Commercial properties must implement recycling programs with minimum 50% diversion rate by 2026. Hazardous waste disposal requires licensed contractors and manifesting per 40 CFR Part 262.

Tree Preservation

Protected tree species (oak, maple, and heritage trees over 24 inches diameter) require removal permits. Mitigation requires 3:1 replacement ratio or payment into the urban forestry fund.