

POLICY 2000/9

POLICY TITLE: Environmental Management Policy

DATE ADOPTED: April 11, 2000

POLICY

- PURPOSE:**
1. To protect and enhance the environment for the benefit of present and future generations.
 2. To assist the residents of Bentley in achieving, and sustaining, a reasonable balance between economic prosperity and environmental quality.
 3. To promote exemplary stewardship and leadership in the protection and enhancement of the environment in all of the Village's own operations and in its dealings with others.
 4. To provide a framework for an environmental management system that will enable the Village to exercise due diligence in attempting to prevent incidents that may adversely affect the environment, and in responding to such incidents if they do occur.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

As part of the Environmental Management Policy, the Village endorses these guiding principles:

1. Environmental considerations should be an integral part of all municipal policies and operations, including but not limited to:
 - land and transportation planning
 - development approvals
 - economic development strategies
 - procurement of goods and services
 - investment of municipal reserve funds
2. The Village should strive to achieve a sustainable community; i.e. balancing economic and environmental objectives to ensure a quality of life for future generations which at least equals present standards.

3. The Village should strive to be a responsible corporate citizen in the following:
- general cleanliness of the environment
 - conservation of energy, water and other natural resources
 - preservation of productive agricultural lands for as long as practicable before development
 - reduction, re-use, recycling and recovery of materials
 - reduction of air, water soil and noise and other potential health pollution hazards
 - minimization of waste
 - responsible handling and disposal of hazardous wastes
 - reclamation of contaminated sites
 - protection of natural flora and fauna
 - preservation of environmental reserves, greenbelts and existing and designated parks
4. The Village must maintain open lines of communication and positive working relationships with government agencies, business/community interest groups, the public at large and other parties, with respect to environmental issues.


MAYOR


CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER