

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS PARK DISTRICT
POLICY MANUAL
CHAPTER II. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

7.00 Environmental Policy

7.01 Statement of Purpose

It is the intent of the District ¹ to encourage its residents, employees, and members of the Park Board to set a high standard of leadership and competency in the promotion of sound environmental practices and lifestyles. The District ¹ feels it has an obligation to set an example and assume a leadership role in development and use of procedures, practices, and environmental applications which promote a healthy environment.

7.02 Administration of the Policy

Where economically feasible and appropriate to operational practices, ¹ the District ¹ will achieve its environmental goals through the following practices:

- A. Purchase and use of environmentally safe and sensitive products:
Purchase products for use in facility and park operations which minimize negative environmental impacts, taking into consideration the effects of product production, use, storage and disposal.
- B. Purchase and administer pesticides in accordance with current District policy as defined in Chapter V., Section 1.00 of this Policy Manual. ¹
- C. Wise use and protection of air, water, soil, and wildlife:
Actively seek and implement ways to conserve and protect water and soil, enhance air quality, limit the production and release of damaging pollutants, and protect wildlife.
- D. Wise use of energy resources:
Actively seek and implement ways to conserve energy resources and investigate methods of applying energy technologies.
- E. Reduction and handling of waste:

Reduce waste production, reuse and recycle materials from facility and park operations, and handle hazardous and all other wastes according to lawful and safe procedures.

F. Open space planning and preservation:

Protect and restore indigenous natural communities such as grasslands, woodlands, and wetlands and promote the reclamation, acquisition, preservation and management of other open space areas, including greenways and trails.

G. Environmental education and interpretation:

Provide education and interpretation opportunities for staff and the public which increase appreciation for the natural world and promote environmentally conscious lifestyles, emphasizing selective consumption and low-impact resource use.

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