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MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

Environmental Policy Statement

The Town of Ocean City is committed to reducing its impact on the environment. We will strive to improve our environmental performance over time and to initiate additional projects and activities that will further reduce our impacts on the environment.

Our commitment to the environment extends to our customers, our staff, and the community in which we operate. We are committed to:

- *Comply with all applicable environmental regulations;*
- *Prevent pollution whenever possible;*
- *Train all of our staff on our environmental program and empower them to contribute and participate;*
- *Communicate our environmental commitment and efforts to our customers, staff, and our community; and*
- *Continually improve over time by striving to measure our environmental impacts and by setting goals to reduce these impacts each year.*

Signed by Doug Miller, City Manager

Environmental Team

The Coastal Resources Legislative Committee/Green Team was developed to be able to bring environmental programs policy projects and legislation to the attention of the group to be discussed and vetted. This group is the first stop for projects and ideas or issues that need to go to the City Council for consideration. Our committee has citizens from various organizations including Coastal Bays Program, Ocean City Surf club, Hotel Motel Restaurant Association, Chamber of Commerce, Health Department, Assateague Coastal Trust, and Town Department of Community Development and Engineering. This group was expanded to be the required "Green Team" for the Sustainable Maryland Certification Action. It meets

bi-monthly. The Adopt-Your-Beach program was first introduced to this group and has since been sanctioned by the committee and council.



Environmental Restoration or Community Environmental Projects

The Town of Ocean City has bi-annual clean ups, one in the spring around Earth Day and the other in September that corresponds with International Coastal Cleanup Day. We have been doing this for over 15 years. During the fall clean up we actually have a tally sheet that the volunteers fill out to quantify the debris and trash that they collect. This information is then forwarded to the Ocean Conservancy to be included in the World Wide tabulation. This effort helps us focus our attention on the pollution sources and target the particular management practice to the appropriate industry. We have between 50 and 100 individual at each cleanup.

The Town has also sponsored the Dune Patrol for over 20 years. This program is a volunteer effort where individuals or groups are assigned to a specific block and become the caretakers of the areas. They are given permission to enter the dunes and are provided supplies to help aid with the effort. This program is being supplemented by a program just recently developed by the Ocean City Surf Club called Adopt-Your-Beach. This fledgling program already has all but 18 streets assigned to groups. This program will be using the same tabulation forms that are used for the International Coastal Cleanup. They provide a minimum of four clean ups a year along with any ongoing efforts that the group will be holding. The data collection is also available to the Town of Ocean City in order to focus our prevention measures.

ENERGY



Energy Efficiency

The Town of Ocean City contracted with Energy Systems Group to do an energy audit and performance contract. We are currently implementing the actions outlined in the document. We have developed a baseline assessment of our energy use and have obtained our Carbon Footprint. We have started installing LED lighting throughout the town and will be implementing the other actions including HVAC system improvements, occupancy sensors and improvements to building envelopes.

These measures will reduce energy consumption in Ocean City Government facilities by 9 million MBtu per year an 18% reduction and an associated energy cost savings of over \$255,000 per year



Renewable Energy

The Town of Ocean City has contracted with Constellation Energy to purchase 20% of our electric power supply or 4.7 million KWh per year from renewable sources.

WATER



Stormwater Management and Site Design

The Town of Ocean City has a three-fold stormwater management program. The Town is delegated the authority to review and approve the development plans for compliance to the States stormwater management program. We insure all new development meet the new and re-development criteria. This includes reduction of impervious surface and treatment for the first 1" of runoff. We focus mainly on Environmentally Sensitive Design such as pervious surfaces and landscape infiltration. We also have a retrofit program for our existing stormwater infrastructure throughout the town and provide ESD to the MEP on all city projects. We collect mitigation fees and critical area program fees when development only meets the minimum design standards. They have an option of paying a Fee-In-Lieu which is set aside in a deferred revenue account which is used as seed money for grant opportunities and providing source for town and private stormwater water quality projects. Some of the projects that we subsidize are rain barrels, alternative surface, rain gardens, beach planting, BayScape, outfall retrofits, cost-share ESD retrofits to name a few. The developers, town and private citizens are all involved in the efforts to improve and protect the waters surrounding the Town so crucial to our economy