



Albemarle County

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TITLE:

Environmental Quarterly Report - 2nd Quarter FY 16

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Environmental Quarterly Report - 2nd Quarter FY 16

ITEM TYPE: Consent Information Item

STAFF CONTACT(S): Foley, Letteri, Davis, Henry and Lowe

PRESENTER (S): N/A

LEGAL REVIEW: Yes

REVIEWED BY: Thomas C. Foley

BACKGROUND: The attached quarterly report is a summary of environmental compliance and pollution prevention activities for the Department of General Services and Local Government operations as provided by the Environmental Compliance Manager to keep the Board of Supervisors and the County Executive Office current on the activities of the Office of Environmental Management Compliance. Environmental Management is currently a Division within the Department of General Services that works with all departments in Local Government to oversee the County's compliance with federal, state and local environmental regulations and its efforts to prevent pollution as a result of County operations. The Division is comprised of a Manager and part-time temporary interns. The essential functions of the Manager include the implementation of the County's Environmental Policy, the supervision of the environmental management system, coordinating and conducting associated training for staff, and the implementation of activities to address the Environmental Stewardship Strategic Plan as approved by the Board in 2011. The Departments of General Services and Parks and Recreation are both E3 certified in the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Environmental Excellence Program (VEEP). An E3 certification signifies an "Exemplary Environmental Enterprise", which is the second level of certification in the VEEP program. As part of the E3 certification program, the County follows a Safer Chemical and Integrated Pest Management procedure to limit the use of harmful chemicals introduced to public facilities (through building maintenance and repair, custodial services, and grounds maintenance and landscaping). Other duties of the Manager include the management, inspections, and record keeping for indoor air quality, asbestos, lead paint, hazardous materials and regulated waste with County owned facilities and on County owned property. Additionally, the Manager is responsible for the County's energy management and water conservation programs.

The Department of General Services and the Office of Facilities Development will merge into the Department of Facilities and Environmental Services effective February 1, 2016, and future reports will reflect that change.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Goal 6: Natural Resources: Thoughtfully protect and manage Albemarle County's ecosystems and natural resources in both the rural and development areas to safeguard the quality of life of current and future generations.

DISCUSSION: The attached quarterly report is provided to inform the Board of activities associated with

environmental compliance and pollution prevention initiatives for Local Government Operations. Questions and comments can be directed to the Environmental Compliance Manager, Andy Lowe.

BUDGET IMPACT: There is no budget impact related to this report.

RECOMMENDATION:

This report is provided for information only. No action is required.

Attachment A - Environmental Quarterly Report