

Proposed Policies Water Conservation through Design

Goal	Important	Strike	Consequences	Modifications/Comments
Reduce end user water consumption in the County.				
Policy				
1. Encourage development patterns and higher density, mixed use developments in appropriate locations that propose to incorporate water conservation measures.				
2. Encourage low water demand uses in areas served by an individual or community well.				
3. Encourage water conservation practices for existing and new developments, including, but not limited to: - Efficient water fixtures and appliances - Landscape design - Irrigation technology and performance - Water efficient processes and equipment				
4. Review and revise, as appropriate, the standards of the various zoning districts to ensure they are consistent with promoting water efficient development.				
5. Quantify the effect of changes in land use and development (e.g., increases in impervious surfaces, changes from agricultural to residential land uses) on groundwater recharge in both rural and urbanized areas of the watershed and disseminate the information to decision makers.				
6. Follow best management practices to maximize aquifer recharge, including supporting the use of greenway corridors, the maintenance of drainage ways in their natural state, and the avoidance of large amounts of impervious cover for recharge areas.				
7. Evaluate cluster development as a water conservation strategy.				
8. Promote rainwater capture as allowed by law.				
9. Encourage swales in landscaped areas to allow water recharge, rather than berms.				
10. Encourage porous concrete or permeable pavers for sidewalks and parking areas in important recharge areas.				