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## **Sustainability Policy**

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1. The District intends to meet our commitment to social responsibility and environmental sustainability and regeneration while effectively managing its financial resources.
2. The District will set a positive example and serve as an educational resource for residents of the District who wish to reduce their impact on the environment.
3. The District will effectively conserve resources:
  - a) Encourage and promote the nourishment and conservation of soil as an important and irreplaceable natural resource and the most important and most valuable of the District's natural resources.
  - b) Use water intelligently by irrigating only as much as necessary, by using appropriate water-efficient native and region-appropriate plant species and by using a technologically advanced irrigation system to ensure that water will be applied as efficiently and effectively as possible.
  - c) Manage our urban forest so that our trees will live to an age and grow to a mature size appropriate to the species. Best management practices will include planting only those species of trees that are appropriate to the site, properly planting good quality trees, and following proper cultural practices, pruning standards, and monitoring.
  - d) Practice conservation in our offices and facilities by reducing our consumption of products when possible, using locally-produced and recycled materials when possible, reusing what we can, and recycling what we can't reuse.
4. Enhance our natural areas when possible to expand wildlife habitat and preserve indigenous plant species.
5. Encourage wise and proper design and management practices to ensure maximum efficiency in the use of space and resources.