

**HILLSBOROUGH TRANSIT AUTHORITY
POLICY MANUAL**

**1000: ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY
1000: POLICY STATEMENT**

1000.01 PURPOSE

- (1) The purpose of this Chapter 1000 is to establish an environmental policy for HART.

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1000.02 POLICY

- (1) Hillsborough Transit Authority (HART) believes that we have a responsibility to care for and protect the environment in which we operate. HART is fully committed to protecting and improving our environmental performance across all of our business activities by establishing, integrating and implementing the environmental policy framework that will guide HART in promoting the use of sustainable transportation and reduce negative environmental impacts.

- (2) HART will empower its employees to integrate the actions necessary in their day-to-day work in order to meet our environmental responsibilities and continue to improve our environmental performance by:
 - (a) Complying with, by meeting or exceeding all applicable and relevant federal, state, local and other environmental regulations and legal requirements;
 - (b) Developing an Environmental Management Systems (EMS) that will provide a comprehensive approach, based on the structural framework and organized process of the ISO 14001 International Standard, that will be used to identify, document and address specific regulatory needs, and maintain compliance on an ongoing basis;
 - (c) Minimizing significant environmental impacts identified within HART's EMS by setting environmental objectives and continually evaluating progress towards these goals;
 - (d) Demonstrating through organizational leadership the commitment necessary to foster a culture of environmental responsibility and sustainability;
 - (e) Striving to continuously improve environmental practices by providing mitigation and corrective action, and monitoring to ensure that environmental commitments are implemented;
 - (f) Enabling each employee and those working on behalf of HART to fulfill this policy by providing ongoing training, and the necessary resources required to adhere to this policy;
 - (g) Reaching out to the public to encourage citizen awareness and involvement in promoting environmental stewardship and sustainability.

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1000.02 POLICY (cont'd)

- (3) Environmental stewardship is and must be an integral part of HART's business practices. It is incumbent on each of HART's employees to help fulfill the commitments set forth in this statement. This environmental policy will be documented, reviewed on an annual basis, and communicated to all employees. This policy will also be available to the public via HART's website.

This policy is approved by the HART Board of Directors and is effective

on November 4, 2013

Name: Yelena PETIT

Title: Clerk of the Board

Signature:  Date: 11-04-13

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