

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE FOUNDATION ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Montgomery Village is subject to many influences affecting the environmental health and well-being of our residents and common properties. These influences require actions, including education, to promote and preserve the quality of our water resources, to stabilize and protect our meadows, to promote proper air quality, to provide natural habitats for fish and small wildlife with protection from human activities, to promote abatement of noise pollution, to provide guidance for health maintenance practices of staff, residents and employees in outdoor activities, and to encourage sensible solid waste management practices within the Village. As far as reasonably possible, we should encourage the extension of these policies to include the entire Montgomery Village watershed, although the Foundation cannot take responsibility for non-Foundation property.

WATER (Lakes, Ponds, Streams, Wetlands, Springs, Seeps and Groundwater)

- Preserve and protect Montgomery Village wetlands, lakes, ponds, streams, springs and seeps.
- Promote on-site stormwater management for the watershed affecting Montgomery Village.
- Avoid toxic discharges.
- Avoid toxic weed control.
- Encourage natural shoreline vegetation.
- Promote where practicable adequate fish passage through stream channels.
- Promote proper use of equipment when performing stream, lake and pond restorations to avoid damage to their surroundings.
- Encourage tree and shrub buffer and canopy for streams.
- Encourage the use of the stormwater inlet sign: "DON'T DUMP. CHESAPEAKE BAY DRAINAGE."

LAND (Meadows, Shrubs and Trees)

- Encourage proper and minimal use of pesticides (including insecticides, herbicides, fungicides and rodenticides) and fertilizers.
- Encourage planting of indigenous species of flora.
- Plant and maintain appropriate land cover species.
- Protect natural trees and vegetated areas and provide for replanting when unavoidable loss occurs.
- Encourage the creation and use of pervious areas.
- In natural areas where practicable, leave standing dead trees to provide habitat for wildlife, and leave remains of fallen trees in place to decay naturally.

AIR

- Promote proper air quality, both indoor and outdoor, with respect to contaminated air generated within and outside Montgomery Village.

WILDLIFE

- Provide and enhance wherever possible a natural habitat for appropriate species within Montgomery Village.
- Promote the stocking of ponds with appropriate fish to ensure diversity and to maintain a natural ecological habitat.
- Support humane treatment of wildlife and act as an advocate of wildlife.
- Provide guidance for appropriate feeding of waterfowl.
- Encourage adherence to federal, state and local fishing and wildlife protection regulations.

NOISE

- Promote a healthy acoustic environment in Montgomery Village.

PUBLIC HEALTH

- Provide guidance to staff and residents to avoid harmful exposures to such things as sun, pesticides, lightning, and radiation from electromagnetic fields.

WASTE AND RECYCLING

- Encourage waste prevention.
- Promote the proper disposal of household hazardous wastes and trash generated inside and outside Montgomery Village.
- Promote recycling and reuse of solid waste.
- Promote recycling and composting of landscape waste.
- Encourage proper disposal of domestic animal waste.
- Encourage the use of resident compost containers where approved.