



## **LARIMER COUNTY POLICIES BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**SUBJECT:** ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

**REVISION DATE:** October 29, 2019

**REVIEW:** Every 4 years in October, or as needed

**CANCELLATION:** BCC P#8B; July 16, 2002

**CONTACT:** County Manager

**ENCLOSURES:** None

**REFERENCE:** None

**REVISION LOCATOR:**

1. Entire Policy revised

**PURPOSE:** This Environmental Responsibility Policy will ensure that the County operates in a manner regarding environmental responsibility that 1) reflects current scientific findings and methods and 2) balances the protection of natural resources, with long-term economic considerations and community needs. By the end of 2023, the County will develop an implementation plan to raise staff awareness of the policy and assist departments with implementation.

**POLICY:**

Larimer County is committed to demonstrating leadership on environmental sustainability and to conducting its operations in a manner that is environmentally responsible and reflective of the community's strong commitment to the environment, optimizing decisions that are inclusive of the economy and social equity.

The County will provide community leadership by reducing its environmental impact while benefiting the economy, and community members while providing sound stewardship of public resources. In order to meet or exceed these objectives, Larimer County will:

1. Meet or exceed all legal compliance obligations and voluntary commitments regarding environmental responsibility and sustainability
2. Establish measurable objectives for evaluating environmental performance, and evaluate and report results annually

3. Develop, implement and continuously improve existing programs for pollution prevention, energy conservation and natural resource protection that reflect current scientific findings and methods
4. Foster a culture where all employees are educated, empowered and encouraged to proactively perform work in an environmentally responsible manner
5. Collaborate with communities within Larimer County
6. Provide balanced protection of public natural resources that the County manages with long-term economic considerations and community needs

This environmental policy will be communicated to employees and contractors and will be available to the public via the County's website.

Adopted this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019

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Tom Donnelly, Chair  
Larimer County Board of County Commissioners  
*(BOCC approval and signature – Admin Matters – 10/29/2019)*  
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