

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MADISON SUPPORTING THE  
ADOPTION OF AN ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE PURCHASING  
POLICY**

**WHEREAS**, it is environmentally and economically desirable to utilize practices that reduce waste by increasing product efficiency and effectiveness, and

**WHEREAS**, it benefits the community to purchase products that minimize environmental impacts, toxics, pollution and hazards to worker and community safety to the greatest extent practicable, and

**WHEREAS**, the purchase of products that include recycled content, are durable and long lasting, conserve energy and water, use agricultural fibers and residues, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, use unbleached or chlorine free manufacturing process, are lead-free and mercury-free, and use wood from sustainable harvested forests (FSC) when and where possible, will serve to protect the environment and provide long term economic benefit;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Borough of Madison, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, that the Borough of Madison support the adoption of a policy that serves to:

- Conserve natural resources,
- Minimize environmental impacts such as pollution and use of water and energy,
- Eliminate or reduce toxics that create hazards to workers and our community,
- Support strong recycling markets,
- Reduce materials that are routinely land filled or disposed of,
- Increase the use and availability of environmentally preferable products that protect the environment,
- Identify environmentally preferable products & associated distribution systems,
- Purchase from manufacturers, & contract with vendors, that reduce environmental impacts in their production & distribution systems or services,
- Collect & maintain up-to-date information regarding manufacturers, vendors and other sources for locating/ordering environmentally preferable products,
- Create a model for successfully purchasing environmentally preferable products that encourages other purchasers in our community to adopt similar goals.

The Madison Purchasing Department and members of Sustainable Madison Advisory Committee, which shall be composed of representatives from various Borough departments, commissions/committees and residents shall research, evaluate, and implement the environmental purchasing objectives. The emphases will be on source reduction, recycled content products, energy and water savings, green buildings and LEED IM ratings, landscaping and hardscaping, toxics and pollution, forest conservation and bio-based products. The Borough administration and the Committee will evaluate the policy implementation on an annual basis.

The health & safety of workers & citizens is of the utmost importance and takes precedence over all other policies and practices.

Nothing contained in this policy shall be construed as requiring a department, purchaser or contractor to procure products that do not perform adequately for their intended use, exclude adequate competition, or are not available at a reasonable price in a reasonable period of time.

Nothing contained in this policy shall be construed as requiring the Borough of Madison, department, purchaser or contractor to take any action that conflicts with local, state or federal requirements.

Definitions:

"Bio-Based Products" means commercial or industrial products (other than food or feed) that utilize agricultural crops or residues but does not include products made from forestry materials.

"Chlorine Free" means products processed without chlorine or chlorine derivatives.

"Contractor" means any person, group of persons, business, consultant, designing architect, association, partnership, corporation, supplier, vendor or other entity that has a contract with the Borough of Madison or serves in a subcontracting capacity with the Borough of Madison or with an entity having a contract with the Borough of Madison for the provision of any goods or services.

"Forest Stewardship Council" (FSC) is a global organization that certifies responsible, on-the-ground forest management according to rigorous standards developed by a broad variety of stakeholder groups.

"LEED IM Rating System" means the most recent version of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED™) Commercial Green Building Rating System, or other related LEED IM Rating System, approved by the U.S. Green Building Council and designed for rating new and existing commercial, institutional, and high-rise residential buildings.

"Practical" & "Practicable" mean whenever possible and compatible with local, state and federal law, without reducing safety, quality, or effectiveness and where the product or service is available at a reasonable cost in a reasonable period of time.

"Recycled Content" means the percentage of recovered material, including pre-consumer and postconsumer materials, in a product.

"Source Reduction" refers to products that result in a net reduction in the generation of waste compared to their previous or alternate version and includes durable, reusable and remanufactured products; products with no, or reduced, toxic constituents; and products marketed with no, or reduced packaging.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED

June 10, 2013



ROBERT H. CONLEY, Mayor

Attest:



ELIZABETH OSBORNE, Borough Clerk