

WATER RESOURCES - "TAKE CARE OF THE WATER" - GOAL MATRIX

PRIMARY GOALS					
<p>WATER SUPPLY SUSTAINABILITY Ensure water supply and demand are kept in balance so that Valley residents, businesses, farms, and aquatic life all have the needed level of sustainable water (ground and surface).</p>	<p>WATER QUALITY Aggressively achieve the level of water quality (ground and surface) required to support the human, business, and agricultural needs in the Valley, without sacrificing the needs of the watershed's fish and other aquatic life.</p>	<p>NATURAL SYSTEMS Protect and enhance the natural systems that are integral to water resources protection, including: karst geography, vegetative buffers, forests, and wetlands.</p>	<p>PLANNING AND REGIONAL COOPERATION Achieve a broad regional consensus on the direction of water resources policy, planning, and management so that common goals can be achieved and solutions implemented more effectively and cost-efficiently.</p>	<p>EDUCATION/ STEWARDSHIP Have well informed, conservation-minded citizens, business people, and elected officials that are actively involved in promoting water resources stewardship.</p>	<p>RECREATIONAL ACCESS Ensure reasonable public access to the Valley's water resources while respecting private property rights and the need to protect water quality.</p>
SUPPORTING GOALS					
<p>DATA AND INFORMATION Provide Valley leaders and citizens alike with accessible, reliable and objective information and scientific data needed to support informed water resources decisions.</p>					
<p>FINANCIAL RESOURCES Provide or obtain the financial resources needed to meet the Valley's water resources goals, continuously prioritizing efforts to maximize the value of each available dollar.</p>					
<p>BUILD ON EXISTING ABILITIES AND RELATIONSHIPS Strengthen the Valley's ability to address water resources issues by effectively using and adding to the skills of local, regional, state, and national resources.</p>					
<p>AGRICULTURAL AND OPEN SPACE HERITAGE Enhance the Valley's agricultural and open space heritage linkage to water resources stewardship.</p>					
<p>ECONOMIC ADVANTAGE Enhance the Valley's economic advantage by protecting and wisely using water resources.</p>					
<p>STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS Optimize standards and regulatory tools necessary to meet the Valley's water resource protection and planning needs and consistently and equitably enforce these standards and regulations.</p>					

Note: The Regional Water Resources Policy Committee conducted a Watersheds Policy Integration Assessment for the Shenandoah Valley. The Assessment process led to the development of this framework of goal statements, which are presented as a matrix. Supporting goals work in conjunction with the primary goals. The matrix was approved by the Committee on May 6, 2004 for completion of the Assessment and on February 3, 2005 for further development of a proposal for a Shenandoah Valley Water Resources Strategic Plan.