

## Board of County Commissioners

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# Carroll County Commissioners' Environmental Principles

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## Vision

We believe that the environment is important and must be carefully maintained. The air we breathe, the land we tend and the food and water we consume must be clean and safe in order to ensure that we maintain our health, safety and quality of life.

We believe that people must be a part of the solution. We must be wise stewards of the environment and thus we must provide opportunities for locally-based, people-driven solutions designed for the long-term.

We believe an economy based on free-market principles produces innovative technologies and solutions that can conserve natural resources and promote environmental quality.

We believe that growing awareness and free enterprise will recognize businesses that are good environmental stewards. Individuals and businesses that provide solutions should reap the rewards for conservation and environmentally sound practices. Market-based solutions to protect the environment can be more effective and implemented with fewer economic side effects than a centrally planned government approach to environmental problems.

## Goals

The Board of County Commissioners has the following environmental goals:

1. Maintain and improve environmental quality and encourage economic prosperity while preserving the County's rural character
2. Promote land use, planning and development concepts and practices that support citizens' health, safety, well-being, individual rights and the economic viability of Carroll County
3. Maintain safe and adequate drinking water and other water supplies including efforts to protect and restore the Chesapeake Bay
4. Strive to protect our natural resources for future generations

## Implementation Methods

The Board of County Commissioners will work with the Environmental Advisory Council, local municipalities, state agencies, other counties and our county departments, business leaders and citizens to develop and promote strategies that allow for continued economic progress while pursuing good environmental stewardship. We will engage these partners in the formation of sound, balanced and reasonable environmental policies predicated on an accurate assessment of the problem.

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