City Seeks Members to Newly Formed Committee

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg is asking residents to consider applying to participate on a committee recently approved by Harrisonburg City Council.

The Environmental Performance Standards Advisory Committee will consider taking a proactive approach for establishing standards related to environmental performance and sustainability as outlined in the city’s 2011 comprehensive plan update.

“The city currently enforces rules and regulations ranging from protecting the city’s water sources to encouraging landscaping, which span every level of government from federal regulations to local city ordinances,” explained Ande Banks, acting deputy city manager. “This committee will consider possibilities for expanding on these regulations for public facilities and projects as well as potential ways in which the city can encourage higher standards for private development,” added Banks.

It is the purpose of this committee to provide guidance and recommendations to city council in the establishment of environmental performance standards.

Specifically, the city is encouraging citizens to apply that represent residential, commercial and/or industrial property owners, civic leagues, homeowner’s associations, business owners, professional engineers, architects, educational professionals, construction and building contractors, real estate developers, special interest groups focused on matters related to construction and building, economic development, environmental causes, and outdoor recreation.

To apply or for more information simply visit [www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/boards](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/boards). Applicants must reside within the city of Harrisonburg and all applications will be accepted until Friday, September 16.

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