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Hopewell Is Turning Green

Hopewell, Virginia. For the second year in a row, the City of Hopewell has been recognized as a “Green Government” at the Platinum level by the Virginia Municipal League. The VML established the “Go Green” Government Challenge to encourage governments to reduce energy usage and to implement environmental initiatives throughout its communities. The Green Government Challenge is a friendly competition designed to encourage implementation of specific environmental policies and practical actions that reduce the carbon emissions and water pollution generated by both the local government and the broader community.

By implementing specific new actions and adopting new environmental policies, governments can earn points. Earning 125-149 will earn a Silver designation; 150-174 a Gold designation and 175 and above a Platinum designation. Hopewell has participated in the “Go Green” challenge since 2008 and for the past 2 years has achieved the platinum designation.

Some of the actions taken this year include installation of the electric car charger on Appomattox Street, planning and designing the proposed River Walk, designing and beginning construction of storm water controls in partnership with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation under a grant from National Fish and Wildlife, and start-up of the new nitrogen reduction process at Hopewell Water Renewal. The City is very proud of this accomplishment and enjoys being “GREEN”.

These green initiatives have been achieved through the ideas, suggestions and work of all of the City staff. The City’s “Go Green” Committee is composed of Aaron Reidmiller, Director of Recreation and Parks, Ed Watson, Director of Public Works, Joe Battiatia, Storm Water Manager, Jake Elder, City Intern, and Jeanie Grandstaff, Director of Hopewell Water Renewal. Councilor Christina Luman-Bailey is Chair of the Go Green Initiative for the VML and has encouraged the City to participate in the Challenge and promote green initiatives.



VML is a statewide, nonprofit, nonpartisan association of city, town and county governments established in 1905 to improve and assist local governments through legislative advocacy, research, education and other services. The membership includes 38 cities including Hopewell, 157 towns and 11 counties.

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