



Trash Free Potomac Facility Pledge



As a business, nonprofit, institution, school, government agency, or organization residing in the Potomac Watershed, we recognize the importance of the Potomac River and its tributaries to the region. These waters provide vital environmental, cultural, economic, and social benefits to our quality of life. These benefits, however, are severely impaired by the many forms of trash and litter.

We agree that trash and litter in the Potomac River:

- Is a significant source of pollution
- Is a major expense for taxpayers and for our local, state, and federal governments
- Damages the visual landscape and property values of nearby homes and businesses
- Severely degrades the quality of life for the residents of the watershed
- Is preventable through greater responsibility and stewardship

We are committed to protecting the Potomac Watershed through a combination of waste reduction and litter prevention activities, such as recycling, composting, education, and green procurement activities. By accepting this challenge, we pledge to put our best effort towards reducing waste and encouraging others to do the same.

As a facility, we pledge to do the following:

1. Have the support of senior management to become a Trash Free Potomac Facility.
2. Organize a 'green team' consisting of employees who embody environmental dedication with the purpose of promoting the goals of the Trash Free Potomac Facilities Program and other environmentally sustainable policies.
3. Develop a comprehensive program to reduce and divert waste using such methods as recycling, green purchasing, and composting.
4. Meet local, state, and federal regulations for proper waste disposal.
5. Establish a litter prevention program in and around our facility.
6. Establish a responsible waste management education program for our staff, customers, tenants, suppliers, and contractors.
7. Regularly track and report waste reduction efforts to the Alice Ferguson Foundation through the Annual Reporting Form or WasteWise, the US EPA's online reporting software.
8. Do everything within our power to implement the policies, infrastructure, and behavioral changes needed to sustain a trash free Potomac Watershed!

Name of Facility

Address of Facility

Printed name of Contact Person

Title

Email address

Telephone

Signature of Contact Person

Date

To enroll, submit this Pledge to the Trash Free Potomac Facility Program Coordinator at TFPF@FergusonFoundation.org, fax it to 301-292-1070, or mail it to "Trash Free Potomac Facility Program," Alice Ferguson Foundation; 2001 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek, MD 20607