

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-108

ADOPTING AN ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT AND COMMITMENT

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("GCRTA") seeks to evolve best practices on environmental and sustainability management at the GCRTA; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees ("Board") is committed to protecting the environment as it provides public transit services throughout the County to create a healthier and livable environment for our customers and the community we service; and

WHEREAS, The Board supports environmental policies that are in accordance with the requirements of the ISO 14001 Standard for Environmental Management Systems; and

WHEREAS, The Board supports this vision to develop an environmental policy statement and commitment to promote environmental performance through a formal environmental and sustainable management system; and

WHEREAS, the Board wants to adopt environmental and sustainability policies and practices to guide employees, vendors, customers, and the community in improving our environmental performance; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that such an environmental policy statement and commitment will improve our overall operating costs and promote long-term efficiencies through environmentally sustainable approaches and practices.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Cuyahoga County, Ohio:

Section 1. That the Board adopts the Environmental Policy Statement and Commitment, as set forth in Attachment A and incorporated herein, to affirm its longstanding commitment toward the environment and sustainability within the GCRTA.

Section 2. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Attachment A: Environmental Policy Statement and Commitment

Adopted: October 22, 2013

  
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President

Attest:   
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CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

## ATTACHMENT A

### ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT AND COMMITMENT

The following environmental policy statement and commitments were developed to evolve best practices on environmental and sustainability management at the GCRTA:

**GCRTA is committed to protecting the environment as it provides public transit services to northeast Ohio. We will utilize sound business practices that measure and improve our environmental performance through a formal Environmental and Sustainability Management System (ESMS). The ESMS will be integrated throughout the Authority to create a healthier and more livable environment for the staff, customers and the community we serve. GCRTA will make the following environmental commitments:**

- Communicate and advance the use of environmental practices and strategic frameworks throughout GCRTA.
- Comply with all applicable local, state, and federal environmental laws, regulations, standards and monitoring requirements.
- Make environmental concerns an integral part of planning and decision-making processes and implement effective environmental programs.
- Prevent pollution and conserve resources by reducing waste, creating better disposal options, recycling and procuring new and better products and technologies.
- Establish an ESMS that will be documented, implemented, and maintained.
- Commit to continuous improvement by reviewing GCRTA's ESMS performance at appropriate intervals to ensure that established objectives, targets, and programs are met.
- Engage and empower the workforce and community through effectively communicating GCRTA's Environmental Policy Statement and Commitment.

This policy applies to all employees, departments and functions throughout the Authority. Full participation by all staff is required in order to meet the commitments set forth in this policy. This policy will be communicated to all persons, including contractors and vendors, working for or on behalf of GCRTA.



Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority  
**STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS**

TITLE/DESCRIPTION:  ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT AND COMMITMENT	Resolution No.: 2013-108
	Date: October 17, 2013
	Initiator: Engineering & Project Management
ACTION REQUEST: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Review/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

1.0 PURPOSE/SCOPE: This action will allow the Authority to take an organizational approach that will lead to the development of an Environmental and Sustainability Management System that meets the requirements of the ISO 14001 Standard for Environmental Management Systems.

2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: The adoption of the environmental policy statement and commitment is the first step in achieving ISO 14001 Certification. The policy meets the requirements of the ISO 14001 Standard and provides the framework for the development of a formal environmental and sustainability management system.

The Board of Trustees is committed to protecting the environment as it provides public transit services throughout the County to create a healthier and livable experience for our customers and the community we service. The Board of Trustees also supports this vision to develop an environmental policy statement and commitment to promote environmental performance through a formal environmental and sustainable management system.

3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: Does not apply.

4.0 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION / DBE BACKGROUND: Does not apply.

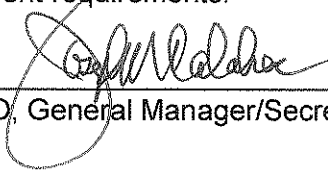
5.0 POLICY IMPACT: This action is consistent with the Board's Policy Statement and Commitment on Sustainability and its policy to improve our overall operating costs and promote long-term efficiencies through environmentally sustainable approaches and practices.

6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: Long-term cost savings and emission reductions from energy, water, fuel, and facility maintenance will be achieved through environmentally sustainable practices.

7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Without a formal policy the RTA will not be able to achieve ISO 14001 Certification.

- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: The Environmental Policy Statement and Commitment was discussed at the October 8, 2013 Planning and Development Committee meeting and approved for action by the full Board. It is recommended that the resolution for the Environmental Policy Statement and Commitment be approved by the full Board.
- 9.0 ATTACHMENT: None

Recommended and certified as appropriate to the availability of funds, legal form and conformance with the Procurement requirements.



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CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer