



# Environmental Policy: Stewardship Activities Review

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# Background

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- TVA Board approved the TVA Environmental Policy on May 19, 2009
- Policy objective is to guide decision making and future strategic development in the areas of:
  - Clean, affordable energy (IRP)
  - Sustainable economic growth
  - Proactive and balanced environmental stewardship
- Policy requires appropriate NEPA review



# Environmental Policy

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- TVA's Environmental Policy addresses three specific stewardship activities:
  - Water resources protection and improvement
  - Sustainable land use
  - Natural resource management
- TVA is conducting a study to focus on portions of these three stewardship activities
  - RRSC will serve as key stakeholder group during study period
  - RRSC will provide advice on the scope and direction of study



# Past Council Topics

<b>First Term</b>	<b>Second Term</b>	<b>Third Term</b>	<b>Fourth Term</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aquatic plant management</li><li>• Public lands management</li><li>• Reservoir operations</li><li>• Water quality monitoring</li><li>• Watershed team programs</li><li>• Reservoir release improvements</li><li>• Campgrounds</li><li>• Water use management</li><li>• Appropriations</li><li>• Biodiversity</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public lands management</li><li>• Water supply</li><li>• Recreation</li><li>• Public involvement</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public lands management</li><li>• Draft recreation strategy</li><li>• Infrastructure stewardship and emergency preparedness &amp; coordination</li><li>• Land policy</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Drought management</li><li>• Recreation strategy</li><li>• Natural Resource Management strategy</li><li>• Stewardship compliance</li><li>• Environmental policy</li></ul>



# Water Resources Protection and Improvement

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- Implementation objectives:
  - Collaborate to improve and protect water quality in the Tennessee Valley
  - Enhance water resource stewardship on TVA managed land/facilities and in projects permitted by TVA



# Sustainable Land Use, Natural Resource Management & Recreation Strategies

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- Implementation objective:
  - Ensure goal of sustainable land use is met through responsible lands planning and effective natural resource management strategies, including recreation objectives and strategies



# Natural Resource Management

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- Implementation objectives:
  - Demonstrate leadership in management and protection of natural and cultural resources
  - Seek and use collaboration, integration, and partnerships to increase efficiency and improve service delivery
  - Provide diverse, sustainable, dispersed recreation opportunities
  - Use TVA recreation, natural, and cultural resource information to encourage responsible outdoor activities
  - Minimize/mitigate human use impacts on environment



# Recreation Management

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- Implementation objectives:
  - Support diverse recreation activities through management of river flows
  - Provide recreation opportunities on TVA lands
  - Provide diverse recreation opportunities through collaborations/partnerships
  - Plan, collect, and manage TVA recreation information
  - Integrate operation activities and partnerships that support outdoor recreation opportunities to more effectively manage lands and waters under TVA's stewardship



# Additional Implementation Requirements

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- Streamline 26a process
  - Electronic storefront
  - Customer service
  - General permits for certain activities
- Streamline lands planning



# RRSC Deliberation

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- TVA is seeking the RRSC's advice and guidance on the following:
  - Which specific natural resource and/or recreational management activities should TVA focus on moving forward?