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Management and Leadership

☒ Environmental Policy Statement

MLGCA will strive to identify and purchase environmentally preferable supplies and services for all games and organization events where economically feasible. Wherever possible, MLGCA will strive to minimize pollution and waste, conserve energy and water, buy environmentally friendly products, and encourage environmentally preferable transportation.

These efforts will extend to contractor and supplier relationships, where MLGCA will encourage contractors and suppliers serving or otherwise acting on behalf of the organization to meet our standards of environmental performance. Employee understanding and involvement is essential to the implementation of this environmental policy. All employees will receive a copy of this policy and be educated about our agency’s efforts to improve our environmental performance. Employees at all levels of the company will be involved in supporting our goals. Our commitment to environmental stewardship is long-term. A healthy environment benefits everyone – employees, and the community at large.

☒ Environmental Team

MLGCA’s Environmental Management Team consists of representatives from the following departments:

- Public Affairs
- Facilities Operations
- Sales
- VLT
• Gaming
• Procurement
• Finance
• Information Technology

The team meets quarterly and is responsible for the following:

• Identifying and reviewing annually all federal, state and local environmental regulatory requirements applicable to the Department, including Executive Orders.
• The team (EMT) will work to develop and encourage purchasing/leasing standards that specify ENERGY STAR® products and premium efficient energy and water use equipment to reduce overall energy and water use.
• The MLGCA will work with the Purchasing Office and facility staff to assist in the selection of products and equipment which meet the current State Environmentally Preferable Procurement (EPP) Policy.
• Implementing training and awareness programs to educate key employees about their responsibilities in managing activities consistent with the MLGCA Environmental Policy.

✓ Annual Environmental Goals

• Increasing MLGCA’s recycling rate through better signage and optimal placement of recycling containers
• Implementation of at least one paper reduction project to continue the department’s significant reduction in paper usage
• Strengthening of employee involvement through continued education.

✓ Environmentally Preferable Purchasing

MLGCA purchases products or services that have a lesser or reduced effect on human health and the environment when compared with competing products or services that serve the same purpose.

• The acquisition of recycled content products, environmentally preferable products and services, bio-based products, energy and water efficient products.
• MLGCA also purchases ENERGY STAR office equipment flex fuel and energy efficient fleet vehicles.
Environmental Restoration or Community Environmental Projects

MLGCA has an annual day of unity when the employees take it to the streets in the Pig Town Community pickup project with the Baltimore Community Tool Bank. Team spirit and camaraderie turned a hot, dirty task into a labor of love and laughter for the community.

Waste

Solid Waste Reduction and Reuse

With the implementation of new copiers which enables two sided copying, the agency has reduced the amount of paper used by staff. Agency order recyclable paper for copiers and printer as well as participates in the building paper and cardboard recycling programs.

Recycling

10,000 wood pallets (400,000 lbs.) cardboard boxes, toner cartridges, and paper products are recycled annually to reduce the cost of disposal.

Composting

MLGCA in conjunction with MDE has started a composting program. The composting program in the workplace provides the opportunity for staff to become engaged in waste reduction efforts while providing many benefits for the workplace.

Energy

Energy Efficiency

Montgomery Park building includes a number of features that provide energy and water efficiency benefits to tenants including thermal ice storage system that reduces the building cooling energy load, insulated argon-filled window panes, floor plans to maximize the use of natural light, perforated aluminum blinds to reduce glare and heat, waterless urinals, and a roof top cistern that collects rainwater which is used to flush toilets.

MLGCA energy and water use can be reduced through demand-side reductions, cost effective supply-side alternatives including renewables and a commitment
throughout the agency to change the culture. The MLGCA developed the agency’s energy and water conservation plan so that implementation of the Plan will reduce energy and water consumption in an effort to achieve the State’s Government goals.

**Transportation**

☑️ **Employee Commute**

State employees receive free transportation on MTA routes including local buses, Metro Subway, and Light Rail. MLGCA headquarters is located at Montgomery Park, which is located on two bus lines. Montgomery Park provides a shuttle to both the Baltimore Convention Center and the Camden Yards light rail/MARC commuter rail station during the morning and evening commutes. MLGCA uses state policies to promote and manage teleworking and compressed work week schedules.

Montgomery Park has five designated parking spots onsite close to the building entrance for those that carpool. The property has twelve electric vehicle charging stations located in the front and back parking lots. Employees use these stations for personal as well as state vehicles.

☑️ **Fleet Vehicles**

MLGCA is committed to reducing our carbon footprint and improving air quality. Employees are encouraged to carpool to the many different sites that employees are required to visit daily. The carpooling program is one strategy for MLGCA to achieve these goals as well as save wear and tear on state owned vehicles and reduce traffic congestion. The MLGCA Carpool Program is designed to be flexible for staff while improving parking availability and reducing our environmental impact.

MLGCA has taken on the role of purchasing smaller more economical vehicles as well as flex fuel to save the agency on fuel cost and consumption.

**Water**

☑️ **Water Conservation**

Montgomery Park has a rainwater collection system that uses the rainwater to flush toilets. The building also has waterless urinals. The site is landscaped with native species plants that require no irrigation.
Storm water Management and Site Design

Montgomery Park has 30,000 square feet of green roof as well as bio-retention areas in the front parking lot area which filter storm water runoff.

Green Building

In 2003, Montgomery Park received the Environmental Protection Agency's Phoenix Award as the preeminent property nationwide among outstanding "green building" development projects that have returned environmentally compromised properties to productive use. 

http://www.montgomerypark.com/green.html