



To: RPC Team Members
From: Cameron Moore, Chief Executive Officer
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RE: Sustainability Initiative

At the August RPC Board meeting, the RPC Commissioners unanimously approved a new initiative to create a more sustainable and environmentally friendly office setting here at RPC. This Sustainability Initiative, led by Andrew Levy, will identify and implement actions that will reduce consumption, conserve energy, minimize waste, and more. We need your help to generate ideas and your commitment to making them work.

The driving force of this initiative will be a committee, formed from members of each division at the RPC. Representatives from each RPC division will be assigned by their Division Director to ensure that every part of RPC is involved. RPC staff who are not "assigned" to the committee but have an interest in participating should talk to their supervisor. This committee will meet over the next few months and establish actions that each division can take as well as actions that the RPC can implement as a whole.

While the committee will take on most of the workload, to be successful they will need ideas and participation from all staff members. There will be opportunities to learn more about sustainability and share ideas of what you can do at RPC as well as at home.

The initiative will take place on two levels: changing practices and changing policies. Practices will be modified by making environmentally friendly decisions easy, like placing recycle bins in more convenient locations. Policies will evaluate the benefits of organization wide issues like purchasing environmentally friendly materials and using environmentally friendly cleaning products.

In the coming weeks, more information will be available. Feel free to stop by Andrew Levy's office if you would like more information about the initiative, have suggestions or would like to know more about sustainability in general. I strongly encourage you to participate in this important effort to help make the RPC a sustainable practices leader among local governments in the region.

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Chief Executive Officer