

**DRAFT- FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE MAY 15, 2008  
MEETING OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNCIL**

**Part 9. Air Quality**

The Highlands Act recognizes that the Highlands Region includes “exceptional natural resources such as clean air” (Section 2) and the Highlands Regional Master Plan (RMP) seeks to establish mechanisms for the protection and enhancement of air quality resources for the Highlands Region that consider the interplay of air quality conditions at local, regional, interstate, and global levels. The RMP policies support the State Global Warming Response Act in reducing the level of greenhouse gas emissions in the state by the year 2020 through the reduction of mobile sources, resource protection and energy efficient practices. The RMP also recognizes the importance of the State Energy Master Plan as a means to plan and evaluate for energy efficiency and greenhouse gas reductions at all levels of government.

<b>GOAL 9A</b>	<b>REDUCTION OF AIR POLLUTION THROUGH USE OF ALTERNATIVE AND EFFICIENT MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES.</b>
<b>Policy 9A1</b>	To encourage capital facility development and redevelopment that leads to attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).
<b>Policy 9A2</b>	To support continued, consistent and thorough air quality monitoring and assessment programs as a means of evaluating and managing major air toxic point sources that affect the Region.
<b>Policy 9A3</b>	To encourage land use development and redevelopment practices that promote center-based growth and mixed-use development and offer alternative modes of transportation as a means to reduce automobile dependency, vehicle miles traveled, vehicle trip length, and duration, for the reduction of local and regional air pollutants and of carbon dioxide emissions linked to global warming.
<b>Policy 9A4</b>	To encourage and support state and federal air quality monitoring for the Highlands Region and regulatory action to reduce levels of air pollutants including but not limited to: ozone, carbon dioxide, sulfur compounds, volatile organic compounds, methane, and fine particulate matter pollutants in the Highlands Region.
<b>Policy 9A5</b>	To encourage energy efficient design and green building practices in support of regional resource protection and smart growth planning policies.
<b>Objective 9A5a</b>	Encourage development design, as appropriate, to include measures to avoid, limit or mitigate the creation of air pollutants, including but not limited to reduced vehicle emissions, ambient air toxic substances, and hazardous air pollutants as related to development practices and end use activities.
<b>Policy 9A6</b>	To support State and federal initiatives that will reduce air pollution emanating from power plants, incinerators and landfills within and affecting the Highlands Region and particularly in Warren County due to out-of-State power plant air pollution.