

Mission Statement

The mission of the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency is to protect public health and the environment and to promote sustainable materials management practices in Ulster County by efficiently managing solid waste materials with a focus on resource conservation.

Vision Statement

The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency (Agency) is a public benefit corporation responsible for managing discarded materials as resources. Resource recovery is achieved through a variety of methods including community outreach and education, waste reduction, reuse, recycling and composting. The Agency continuously explores the viability of new and/or different practices and emerging technologies for reducing waste and managing discarded materials. This policy establishes the foundation for sustainable materials management for the Agency operations and activities.

In keeping with its mission, the Agency Board of Directors and its employees are committed to protecting, preserving and heightening environmental awareness throughout Ulster County by implementing an integrated local solid waste management plan that protects the community's land, air and water. Agency Board of Directors and employees are committed to:

- Preventing or minimizing damage to the environment
- Promoting employee, customer and contractor safety via appropriate emergency and operational policies, procedures, and training programs
- Meeting and, where appropriate, exceeding requirements of applicable local, state and federal regulations
- Fostering open communication with employees and the public, anticipating and responding to their needs and concerns regarding potential and actual impacts of the Agency's operations and services
- Maintaining the financial viability of services through diversification of revenue sources and efficient operations
- Reducing the amount of waste generated and promoting the use of reused and recycled materials through education and outreach programs as well as exploring and supporting sustainable markets for recovered materials
- Developing, designing and operating facilities that are environmentally compliant and energy, resource and economically efficient
- Promoting continuous improvement in materials management by establishing environmental objectives and targets that can be measured and evaluated

*The **Mission Statement** expresses the Agency Board's overall goal for the Agency.*

*The **Vision Statement** details ways in which the mission is accomplished and provides a framework for annual strategic planning objectives.*