

Environmental Guiding Principles (EGP) for the RDMW Solid Waste Management Plan

- The consumption of material and energy resources is set at a level which is ecologically sustainable;
- The regional solid waste stream is reduced to the greatest extent possible, in accordance with the hierarchy of reduce, reuse, and recycle, and consistent with local resources and the nature of the regional solid waste stream.
- The goal of environmental policy is zero pollution and the strategies for achieving that goal are in accordance with the precautionary principle.
- Individuals and firms are enabled to make environmentally sound choices about consumption of resources and generation of waste through provision of appropriate information, including user-pay and market-based incentives wherever possible.
- Reduction policies and strategies are developed through public consultation and are socially acceptable and cost-effective, based on full accounting of costs and benefits, both monetary and non-monetary.