

Leadership Commitment to Water Stewardship and Adoption of Water Stewardship Strategy
RJRT Reynolds Operations Center (ROC), Tobaccoville, NC

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company (RJRT) and its companies are committed to manufacturing and marketing products adult tobacco and nicotine consumers prefer in an environmentally responsible and sustainable way. Responsibility is foundational to our strategy, and we believe that good environmental practice is good business practice.

RJRT will implement and maintain the Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS) standard across manufacturing, including water governance and stakeholder engagement that promote water quality protections and a safe and sustainable water supply.

RJRT commits to making responsible water stewardship a priority at the RJRT facilities listed above and to allocate the resources required to accomplish goals that support responsible water stewardship following the principles of continuous improvement.

Specifically, RJRT will support efforts that enhance:

- Good water governance
- Sustainable water balance
- Good water quality status
- Healthy Important Water-Related Areas (IWRAs)
- Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene

RJRT commits to engaging with stakeholders on water stewardship efforts in a reasonably open and transparent manner. RJRT will take necessary steps to ensure that the sites listed above comply with all relevant and legal regulatory requirements, and respects relevant legal and water-related rights, including national and international treaties.

RJRT commits to reviewing and modifying not only the individual site's water stewardship actions and plans in order to mitigate water related risks and harness stewardship opportunities, but also the disclosure of relevant water-related information to stakeholders.

Considering the catchment context and in alignment with existing catchment water-related sustainability efforts regarding water use, RJRT's water stewardship strategy with focus on addressing shared water challenges through on and off-site actions. Our objective is to lower physical, regulatory and reputational water risk, and benefit other stakeholders in the catchment - notably local communities.

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