

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION ENDORSING SUSTAINABILITY AND DESIGNATING THE CITY OF EAU CLAIRE AS AN ECO-MUNICIPALITY

WHEREAS, in November 2008 the City Council of the City of Eau Claire adopted a resolution declaring the City an Energy Independent Community and pledging to support the State of Wisconsin vision for energy independence by generating 25 percent of electricity and 25 percent of transportation fuels from renewable resources by 2025, capturing 10 percent of the emerging national bio-industry and renewable energy market by 2030, and leading the nation in making clean energy more affordable; and

WHEREAS, in April 2009 the City Council adopted an amendment to the Eau Claire Comprehensive Plan to incorporate a Sustainability chapter focused on advancing sustainability policies for the community and providing effective and collaborative leadership within the greater Eau Claire metropolitan region regarding sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Sustainability chapter of the Comprehensive Plan is to see that the principles of sustainability in the Eau Claire area are followed to improve the community quality of life by meeting present environmental, economic, and social needs of the community without compromising the ability of future generations to do the same, and

WHEREAS, an eco-municipality may be generally defined as a municipality that recognizes that issues of sustainability are key to the decisions made by government and that aspires to develop an ecologically, economically, and socially health community for the long term through a democratic and participative community process based on the following key principles:

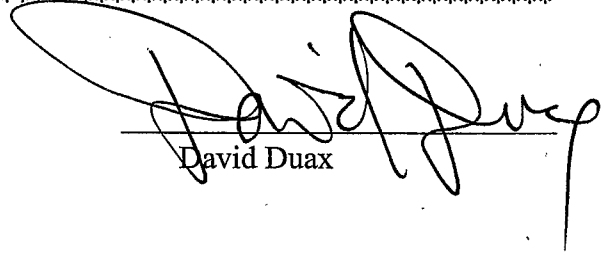
- Reduce dependence upon extracted fossil fuel deposits, metals, and minerals,
- Reduce dependence on harmful chemicals and manufactured toxic substances,
- Reduce encroachment upon nature and decrease those activities which harm life-sustaining ecosystems,
- Meet the justice, safety, health, and social capital needs of the community;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Eau Claire hereby designates the City as an eco-municipality, endorses the key principles of sustainability identified above, and supports the application of these principles whenever possible in its planning, policy making, and municipal practices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in applying the principles of community sustainability, the City of Eau Claire is also committed to long-term fiscal integrity and budgetary sustainability that balances expenditures to available revenues while maintaining the public structures and services essential for the community's well-being.

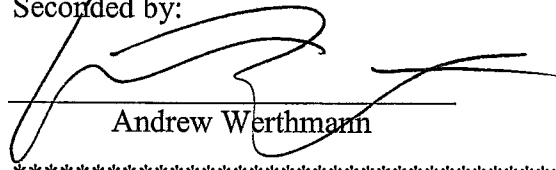
Adopted,
May 12, 2009

Motion to adopt the resolution.



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Seconded by:



Andrew Werthmann
