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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ECO-MUNICIPALITY CONCEPTS

Introduced by Mayor Laux

WHEREAS, the City of Menasha recognizes that the people of this community desire a stable, sustainable future; and

WHEREAS, the City of Menasha acknowledges that a clean and healthy environment determines the quality of life, where the environment can support and sustain the community, and where citizens are committed to local and regional cooperation and a personal philosophy of stewardship; and

WHEREAS, the willingness of the City of Menasha to move in the direction of eco-municipality designation can serve as a model for our citizens, encouraging economic and industrial initiatives while protecting the ecosystem in which they raise their families; and

WHEREAS, by endorsing sustainable economic development, the City of Menasha is pledging to further educate itself about sustainable activities and to develop additional initiatives in support of sustainable practices; and

WHEREAS, Menasha has promoted alternative transportation methods by taking a leadership role in the Fox Cities Trestle Trail and installing bike trails that connect the Wisconsin Friendship Trail; and

WHEREAS, the redevelopment of the Gilbert Mill site has embraced principles of sustainability by reusing portions of existing buildings and reclaiming demolition materials for reuse at the site.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Menasha, Wisconsin, that the City of Menasha endorse the principles of sustainability as outlined above and that the City will endeavor to apply these principles when economically feasible to its decision-making, planning, policy making and municipal practices and the Mayor and Common Council challenge the citizens of Menasha and the private sector to promote and embrace the philosophy and principles of sustainability.

Passed and approved this _____ day of November, 2007.

Joseph F. Laux, Mayor

Attest:

Deborah A. Galeazzi, City Clerk