



**City of Madison**

**Legislative File Number 02486 (version 1)**

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**Title**

Adopting The Natural Step Model For Eco-Municipalities As A Guiding Framework For The City Of Madison's Sustainable City Program And Providing Training In Both The Natural Step And Retro-Commissioning For City Staff.

**Body**

WHEREAS, the recommendations of the "Building a Green Capital City" report, which call for Madison to "adopt a guiding principle on sustainability" to guide the process of Building a Green Capital City, have been approved by the Madison City Council;

WHEREAS, The Natural Step (TNS) model fits this need and has been well shown by the experience of several cities in the United States and over 75 cities worldwide;

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Design and Energy Committee has recommended that the Natural Step model for Eco-municipalities be adopted by the City of Madison as its guiding sustainability framework;

WHEREAS, training recommended by the Sustainable Design and Energy Committee in TNS over a 6 month period is available for City staff and officials at a cost of approximately \$20,000;

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the energy and operational/maintenance savings opportunities in City of Madison facilities and operations need to be measured, analyzed, and discerned in house;

WHEREAS, City staff will be required to carry out the energy savings retrofits;

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Design and Energy Committee has recommended that appropriate staff be identified by the Mayor's Office and become trained in commissioning and retro-commissioning at a cost of approximately \$30,000;

WHEREAS, funds are available in the City's 2005 Operating Budget for both TNS training and a course on retro-commissioning;

WHEREAS, the City could explore and identify partners to share in this training and cost;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Madison adopt The Natural Step Model for Eco-Municipalities as a guiding framework for the City's Sustainable Program; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that training in TNS be provided for targeted City staff and officials over a 6 month period in 2006 at a cost not to exceed \$20,000 with funds appropriated and carried over from the 2005 budget; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that training in commissioning and retro-commissioning be provided for appropriate City staff which have been identified by the Mayors Office in 2006 at a cost not to exceed \$30,000 with funds appropriated and carried over from the 2005 Budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Madison will explore and identify other partners to share in this training and its cost.

**Fiscal Note**

A total of \$50,000 has been appropriated and is available in the 2005 Operating Budget - Account No. GN01-54301-287000. Funds not contracted or encumbered by the end of this year will lapse to the General Fund balance and may be appropriated again next year by amending the 2006 Operating Budget.