THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH
TWO THOUSAND SEVEN
PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

RESOLUTION #18 - 2007

BE IT RESOLVED: Eco-Municipality, Designation Resolution
Adoption of Sustainable Community Development Policy

WHEREAS, the City of Portsmouth has adopted a Sustainability Framework in its
10-year Master Plan which includes dozens of references to sustainable practices; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the four systems conditions of the Natural Step
described below can provide a framework that will assist city employees, elected
officials and volunteer committees and boards in moving in a more sustainable
direction; and

WHEREAS, the willingness of the City to move in the direction of becoming an
Eco-Municipality can serve as a model for others and encourage economic
development along similar lines in our City and region; and,

WHEREAS, the following four guidelines were developed by the American
Planning Association to help communities implement sustainable practices:

1. Reduce dependence upon fossil fuels, and extracted underground
   metals and minerals.
2. Reduce dependence on chemicals and other manufactured substances
   that can accumulate in nature.
3. Reduce dependence on activities that harm life-sustaining ecosystems.
4. Meet the hierarchy of present and future human needs fairly and
   efficiently.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The City of Portsmouth hereby
endorses the principles of sustainable community development described herein, and
agrees to apply these principles whenever possible in its planning, policy making, and
municipal practices.

This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.

APPROVED:

STEVE MARCHAND, MAYOR

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: