

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Sheboygan acknowledges that the people of Sheboygan desire a sound, sustainable future; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sheboygan acknowledges that a clean and healthy environment determines the city's quality of life, where this environment can support and sustain our developing 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 Sheboygan to move in the direction of an eco-municipality designation can serve as a model for our citizens, encouraging economic development and industrial initiatives while protecting the ecosystem in which they raise their families; and

WHEREAS, by endorsing sustainable community development, the City of Sheboygan is joining an international network of eco-municipalities, and taking the initiatives to become one of the first eco-municipalities in eastern Wisconsin; and

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Sheboygan, that the City of Sheboygan endorse the principles of sustainability as outlined above and apply these principles in its decision making, planning, policy making and municipal practices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Sheboygan contact neighboring municipalities and invite them to participate in following sustainable practices.