

## **Adoption of Sustainable Community Development Policy**

**WHEREAS**, in the sustainable society, nature is not subject to systematically increasing concentrations of substances extracted from the Earth's crust, because human society mines and brings into use substances from below the Earth's surface, that along with their emissions are steadily accumulating at levels far greater than their natural occurrences and cannot break down further; and,

**WHEREAS**, in the sustainable society, nature is not subject to systematically increasing concentration of substance produced by society, because human society has been manufacturing synthetic substances faster than these materials can be broken down; and,

**WHEREAS**, in the sustainable society, nature is not subject to systematically increasing degradation by physical means, because human activity is breaking down natural system-land, water, forests, soil, ecosystem, by depletion and destruction faster than these natural systems can renew themselves; and,

**WHEREAS**, in the sustainable society, human needs are met worldwide, because if people around the world cannot meet basic human needs-air, water, food, shelter means of livelihood, mobility, equal treatment, equal access, safety, participation in decisions that affect our lives, the right to peaceful enjoyment of life, a connection with nature, and psychological and spiritual connection and meaning then this inequality will continue undermine the goals identified above; and,

**WHEREAS**, by endorsing sustainable community development, the Town of Cottage Grove is joining an international network of eco-municipalities, and taking the initiative to become among the first eco-municipalities in the United States; and,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Cottage Grove endorses the principles of sustainable community development, as

proposed in “The Natural Step Program”, and agrees to apply these principles in its planning, policy making and municipal practices.

Adopted by the Town Board for the Town of Cottage Grove, Wisconsin this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 3 2007.

(Signed copy available in the Clerk’s Office)

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Kris Hampton, Town Chair

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Kim Banigan, Town Clerk