

Text of City of Baraboo Eco-Municipality Resolution

Whereas, the City of Baraboo adopted its Smart Growth Plan on July 12, 2005; and

Whereas, the adoption of the four system conditions of the Natural Step model can provide a framework that will assist City employees and elected officials in moving in a more sustainable direction; and

Whereas, we wish to integrate our economy, environment, society, and governance in ways that foster vibrant social and economic conditions and a healthy ecosystem and to that end we commit ourselves to creating the conditions necessary for a sustainable future.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Common Council of the City of Baraboo, Sauk County, Wisconsin:

First, that The Natural Step model be adopted by the City of Baraboo as a guide to policies, practices, programs, services, and development in the City of Baraboo.

Second, that in a comprehensive approach toward becoming a sustainable community we adopt these goals using The Natural Step framework, the City will:

- a. Work to increase awareness of sustainability among its staff and management. This will provide us with a common language and keep all of us thinking about the impact we have during the course of our daily tasks.
- b. Take inventory of current efforts that make progress toward sustainability and be frank about areas that need improvement. We will enhance our current efforts and identify additional improvements.
- c. Formulate a vision of what sustainability means for the City and identify long-term goals necessary to achieve that vision.
- d. Incorporate the awareness and terminology of sustainability into our municipal code, budget decisions, program administration, and project development.

Third, we recognize that it will take the good will and determined work of individuals within our community to achieve this goal. We wish to be a part of this network and declare sustainability to be a goal of this City.

Passed October 23, 2007.