

Resolution #
Town of Greenville
Outagamie County - Wisconsin

DESIGNATION OF THE TOWN OF GREENVILLE AS AN ECO-MUNICIPALITY WITH A COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES

WHEREAS, the Town of Greenville has a long and proud history as a primarily agricultural community that has struggled through land use planning efforts to reduce the impact of population growth on its rural environment;

WHEREAS, the Town of Greenville has adopted a model Conservation Subdivision ordinance that seeks to make rural residential subdivision development more sustainable;

WHEREAS, the Town of Greenville has adopted a Comprehensive Plan 2030 approved on March 30, 2009 that calls for “A Focus on Sustainability” utilizing the four Natural Steps outlined below;

WHEREAS, a strong citizen group, *Sustain Greenville*, has recently emerged to lead community efforts towards practical sustainable practices such as the: use of rain barrels to collect roof rainwater for landscape watering purposes, construction of rain gardens to limit the impact of stormwater runoff, and creation of a Community Garden on Town parkland;

WHEREAS, an active *Urban Forestry Board and Youth Forestry Council*, have for over a decade attempted to create a sustainable natural environment in Greenville by planning for and funding the planting of thousands of park and street trees;

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Town of Greenville have shown by their special efforts listed above that they are proud to be part of a community rich in natural, economic and social resources and eager to work towards an exemplary quality of life guided by the principles of sustainability.

WHEREAS, we recognize that the pursuit of a sustainable future needs a clear set of principles to guide decision-making and policy development and these 4 Natural Steps listed below have been adopted in the Town of Greenville Comprehensive Plan 2030 as the best sustainable principles:

1. Reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, scarce metals and minerals.
2. Reduce our dependence on chemicals and synthetic substances that accumulate in nature.
3. Reduce our encroachment on nature (e.g., land, water, air, wildlife, forests, and wetlands).

4. Meet our community's basic needs fairly and efficiently (e.g., economic, social, and environmental).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Greenville Planning Commission and Town Board declares its commitment to sustainability as outlined by the 4 Natural Steps outlined above, and agrees to consider these principles in planning, policy making, and municipal practices, and declares itself an Eco-Municipality.

Adopted by Planning Commission _____

Adopted by Town Board _____

Town Chairman, Randy Leiker

Town Clerk, Debbie Wagner