

RESOLUTION
Village of Colfax, Wisconsin

**Adoption of Sustainable Community Development Policy and Wisconsin Energy
Independence Community Partnership**

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, etc, then this inequality will continue to undermine the goals identified above; and,

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Office of Energy Independence has established goals of generating electricity and transportation fuels from renewable resources, capturing a share of the bio-industry and renewable energy market, and supporting research in renewable energy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Colfax 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.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Colfax advance Wisconsin's vision of energy independence by generating 25 percent of Colfax's electricity and transportation fuels from renewal resources by the year 2025.

Adopted by the Village Board for the Village of Colfax, Wisconsin this ___th day of June, 2009.

Jean T. Olson, Village President

John A. Jahr, Village Clerk