

R-21-07

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ECO-MUNICIPALITY CONCEPTS**

Introduced by Mayor Laux

**WHEREAS**, the City of Menasha recognizes that the people of this community desire a stable, sustainable future; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, Menasha has promoted alternative transportation methods by taking a leadership role in the Fox Cities Trestle Trail and installing bike trails that connect the Wisconsin Friendship Trail; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the redevelopment of the Gilbert Mill site has embraced principles of sustainability by reusing portions of existing buildings and reclaiming demolition materials for reuse at the site.

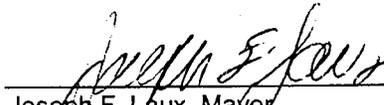
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Menasha, Wisconsin, that the City of Menasha endorse the principles of sustainability as outlined above and that the City will endeavor to apply these principles when economically feasible to its decision-making, planning, policy making and municipal practices and the Mayor and Common Council challenge the citizens of Menasha and the private sector to promote and embrace the philosophy and principles of sustainability.

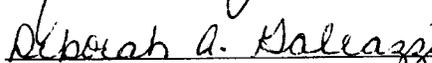
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of Menasha create a standing Sustainability Board to prepare a sustainable community plan following the guidelines of The Natural Step Model for Eco-Municipalities and to advise the Mayor and Common Council on implementation of sustainable practices.

Passed and approved this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2007.

Motion made by Ald. Merkes,  
Seconded by Ald. Wisneski.  
Voting Aye: Ald. Don Merkes  
Ald. James Taylor  
Ald. Sue Wisneski  
Ald. Steve Pack  
Ald. Eric Hendricks  
Ald. Terry Eckstein  
Ald. Tom Michalkiewicz  
Ald. Jan Chase

Attest:

  
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Joseph F. Laux, Mayor

  
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Deborah A. Galeazzi, City Clerk