

TOWNSHIP OF HOWELL

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May 19, 2015

The Sustainability Institute at the College of NJ
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RE: Authorize Support, Green Building Policy

To Whom it May Concern:

Enclosed you will find a certified copy of the Resolution adopted by the Township Council at their meeting of May 18, 2015. This Resolution supports and promotes a program of green building.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully yours,

Penny A. Wollman
Township Clerk
Township of Howell

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cc: William Gotto, Mayor
Robert Nicastro, Deputy Mayor
Jeff Mayfield, Township Manager
Estitta Bushkin, Purchasing Agent
George Gravatt, Public Works Director
Jim Herrman, Director of Community Development
Gerard Barron, Environmental Commission
Nicholas Huszar, Environmental Commission
Brian Tannenhause, Planning Board
Daniel Cardellichio, Zoning Board
Charles Senders, Shade Tree Commission
Mary Ann Cernak, Lake Restoration & Wildlife Committee

Mr. Nicaastro offered the following Resolution for adoption seconded by Mr. Guz.

Resolution No: R-15-138

WHEREAS, green building is a key component to sustainability; and

WHEREAS, green building benefits can be spread throughout the systems and features of a building. Green buildings can include the use of certified sustainable wood products and high-recycled-content products. Recycling of waste that occurs during demolition, deconstruction, and construction reduces the amount of waste deposited in landfills. The proper orientation and passive solar design of a building reduces demands on its heating and cooling systems. The use of advanced-design heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems provide increased energy efficiency and improved indoor air quality. Enhancement of indoor air quality is also achieved by the selection and use of construction materials that do not emit chemicals which are toxic or irritating to building occupants. The use of water conserving methods and equipment reduce the per capita demand on resources and infrastructure. The installation of alternative and renewable energy systems can supplement conventional methods of energy production; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, green building design, construction and operational techniques have become increasingly widespread. Many homeowners, businesses, and building professionals have voluntarily sought to incorporate green building techniques into their projects. A number of local and national systems have been developed to serve as guides to green building practices. The U.S. Green Building Council, developer of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEEDS) Green Building Rating Systems and LEEDO Reference Guide, has become a leader in promoting and guiding green building. Also, the New Homes Green Points Calculator and the Multifamily Green Points Project Tool published by Build It Green are useful documents in evaluating residential green building projects; and

WHEREAS, "green building," is intended to raise the level of construction in order to encourage water and resource conservation, reduce waste generated by construction projects, increase energy efficiency in buildings, provide durable buildings that are efficient and economical to own and operate and promote the health and productivity of residents, workers, and visitors to the Township; and

WHEREAS, nothing in this resolution is intended to duplicate, contradict, or enter a field which has been fully occupied by state law, including the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOWELL, that the Township of Howell does hereby support and promote a program of green building by adopting the following practices:

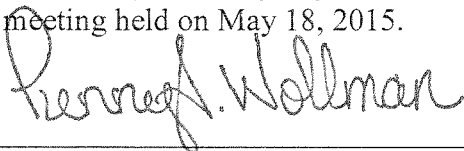
1. Perpetually, the Township shall continue to review and update all Ordinances and all Land Use decisions to incorporate recognized green building standards;
2. The Township is currently designing a green building scorecard to be utilized as part of all Planning, Zoning and Building applications for approvals;
3. The Township will incorporate the proposed green building scorecard as part of the documents required for submittal of application for site plan review;
4. The Township will distribute green building educational information as part of the approval and permitting process to residents, contractors, developers, property owners and all interested participants in the Township's Green Building Policy Programs.
5. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Township Manager, the Howell Township Green Team and any other interested parties.

VOTE:	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	DISQUALIFY
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Mrs. Smith				X	
Mr. Guz	X				
Mr. Nicastro	X				
Mr. Walsh				X	
Mayor Gotto	X				

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Council at a meeting held on May 18, 2015.



PENNY WOLLMAN, Township Clerk