

City of Appleton – **Resolution #21-R-17**

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*Referred to: Parks & Recreation Committee*

### **Sustainability Resolution**

**Whereas**, the City of Appleton’s mission statement is “The City of Appleton is dedicated to meeting the needs of our community and enhancing the quality of life”.

**And Whereas**, the City of Appleton recently completed an update to its Comprehensive Plan which provided numerous opportunities for public input and engagement with the primary intent to use the plan to guide the growth and development of the community.

**And Whereas**, the Comprehensive Plan becomes a major tool in project identification and establishes a vision for future land use, physical development, and quality of life in the City, as well as provides a comprehensive set of goals, policies and initiatives to achieve that vision.

**And Whereas**, the Comprehensive Plan is one of several tools used to drive city initiatives and becomes an integral part of the overall operations.

**And Whereas**, the City of Appleton also has a Sustainability Master Plan which identifies many initiatives to work towards sustainability through evaluation of the following: conservation, energy efficiency opportunities, restorative redevelopment, increased facilities efficiencies, pollution reduction, green building and buying, reductions in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, lower dependence on pesticides, restoring urban waterways, promote environmental stewardship, improve transportation infrastructure, and improve and expand green infrastructure.

**And Whereas**, the City of Appleton takes its responsibilities on sustainability very seriously and has demonstrated that through past efforts and future plans. All plans, including but not limited to the Comprehensive Plan and the Sustainability Plan are used to meet the needs of the community and enhance the quality of life in Appleton and support efforts identified in the annual budgets.

**And Whereas**, the City of Appleton became one of the first five communities to be part of the Legacy Communities – a Green Tier Charter and has been actively involved since becoming a member and has provided Annual Reports for the past 5 years.

**Therefore, be it resolved**, the City of Appleton reaffirm its position on Sustainability by:

1. Continuing its membership with the Green Tier Charter Communities and work with other municipalities to attain the goals of the organization and strive to be a leader in key measurement areas while taking into account all financial impacts any action may result in.
2. Reviewing and updating the city's own Sustainability Master Plan on an annual basis.
3. Providing an opportunity for members of the public to provide input on the Sustainability Master Plan as part of inclusion on standing committee meeting agendas under the appropriate committee of jurisdiction.
4. Providing an annual update to any standing committee that has jurisdiction over any component of the plan including but not limited to Utilities, Parks & Recreation, Community and Economic Development, Municipal Services, and Finance. The annual update to include an agenda information item for a summary of completed initiatives, information on any impacts to the annual budget, and an outline of short-term and long-term plans. Also included in the annual update would be the presentation of the Annual Report provided as part of membership with the Green Tier Charter Communities.
5. Make available on the City of Appleton website a portal specifically identified as Sustainability and included all pertinent information relative to the City of Appleton's plans and budgetary impacts.
6. The Mayor and/or Facilities Director or designee shall attend the Annual Sustainability Summit and Exposition event held in Wisconsin and include a memo as part of the annual update to standing committees.