

Councilor Tabin

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTCLAIR ENDORSING AND
ADOPTING THE POLICY OF SUSTAINABILITY FOR TOWNSHIP
DECISIONMAKING, PURCHASING, AND OPERATIONS

March 18, 2003

WHEREAS the world's scientific community has reached consensus that human activity since the advent of the industrial revolution has caused a build-up of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases in the atmosphere which are causing climate changes at the global and local level which may result in severe environmental, economic, and social disruptions; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, recognizing the dangers posed by climate change, adopted the "New Jersey Sustainability Greenhouse Gas Action Plan" in 1999 to reduce New Jersey's greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey's Interagency Sustainability Working Group published "Governing with the Future in Mind" in December, 1999 to promote sustainability in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, sustainability at the municipal level of government means a policy in which decisionmaking about municipal purchasing and operations incorporates the "triple bottom line" of environmental stewardship, economic growth, and social equity so that meeting the needs of the present generation does not compromise the needs of future generations; and

WHEREAS, cities and communities around the world have and are adopting sustainability as a goal of local government; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that implementing sustainability programs and projects will result in improved public health, improved environmental health, cost savings, preservation of property values, and quality of life benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Montclair Environmental Commission has prepared a "Sustainable Montclair" Planning Guide, which will be a "living" document subject to changes and updates and which will incorporate public input, to assist the Township Council and township officials in implementing sustainability programs and projects in the Township's decisionmaking, purchasing, and operations; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, that the Township of Montclair hereby endorses the concepts of sustainability as set forth in the Sustainable Montclair Planning Guide and hereby directs the Township Manager and staff to implement the concepts of sustainability in all decisionmaking, purchasing, and operations as recommended by the Montclair Environmental Commission after consultation with the Township Council and Township officials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Council hereby directs the Township Manager and staff to immediately implement the recommendation that the Township seek an RFP for an energy audit of Township buildings and operations; and


BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Township Council hereby directs the Montclair Environmental Commission to work with the Township Council, Township Manager, and Township staff to assist in the analysis, development, and implementation of sustainability programs and projects and directs the Montclair Environmental Commission to report to the Council on a regular basis as to the progress of the Township in implementing sustainability programs and projects.

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE

COUNCILORS	YES	NO	ABS	N.V.	AB	COUNCILORS	YES	NO	ABS	N.V.	AB
Mayor Russo	✓					Smith	✓				
Jenkins	✓					Tobin	✓				
Michaelson	✓					Zief	✓				
Remsen	✓										

X - Indicate Vote ABS - Abstain N.V. - Not Voting AB - Absent

I HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, at its meeting held on 3.18.03


 Linda S. Wanat
 Municipal Clerk of the Township of Montclair, N.J.