

CITY OF APPLE VALLEY
RESOLUTION NO. 2011-87

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF APPLE VALLEY
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MINNESOTA GREENSTEP CITIES PROGRAM

WHEREAS, increasing energy prices present increasing challenges to providing municipal services to the residents and businesses of Apple Valley; and

WHEREAS, the City has partnered with Dakota Electric Association, CenterPoint Energy, the Great Plains Institute, and the Center for Energy and Environment to promote energy efficiency and cost reductions both within the City and in the greater community through the BE initiative; and

WHEREAS, addressing energy use provides an opportunity to move toward energy self-reliance and greater community resiliency; provide environmentally healthy and cheaper-to-operate public buildings; and encourage new economic development and local jobs; and

WHEREAS, local governments have the opportunity to achieve energy use reductions through building and facilities management; land use and transportation planning; environmental management; and through economic and community development; and

WHEREAS, exchanging best practices with other municipal governments is a beneficial way for cities to learn how to reduce costs and provide services more efficiently; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Session Laws 2008, Chapter 356, Section 13 directed the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (“MPCA”) and Office of Energy Security in the Department of Commerce (“Office of Energy Security”), in collaboration with Clean Energy Resource Teams (“CERTs”), to recommend municipal actions and policies that work toward meeting the State’s greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals; and

WHEREAS, a broad coalition of public and private stakeholders including the League of Minnesota Cities, the MPCA, Office of Energy Security and CERTs responded to the 2008 legislation by establishing the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program to provide a series of sustainable development best practices focusing on local government opportunities to reduce energy use and greenhouse gases; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program assists with technical assistance for the implementation of these sustainable development best practices; and provides cost-effective sustainable development best practices in the following five categories: (1) Buildings and Facilities; (2) Transportation; (3) Land Use; (4) Environmental Management; and (5) Economic and Community Development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Apple Valley, Dakota County, Minnesota, that City does hereby authorize the City of Apple Valley (the “City”) to participate in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City:

1. Appoints Assistant City Administrator Charles Grawe to serve as the City's GreenStep coordinator to facilitate best practice implementation; and
2. Will facilitate the involvement of community members, civic, business and educational organizations, and other units of government as appropriate in the planning, promoting and implementing of GreenStep Cities best practices; and
3. Plans to take actions to implement the following best practices: Efficient Existing Public Buildings, Complete Green Streets, Mobility Options, and Benchmarks and Community Engagement; and
4. Will claim credit for having implemented and will implement in total at least 16 required and optional GreenStep best practices that will result in energy use reduction, economic savings and reduction in the community's greenhouse gas footprint. A summary of the city's implementation of best practices will be posted on the Minnesota GreenStep Cities web site.

ADOPTED this 9th day of June, 2011.


Mary Hamann-Roland, Mayor

ATTEST:


Pamela J. Gackstetter, City Clerk