

CITY OF EAGAN  
RESOLUTION NO. 10- 29

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF EAGAN'S PARTICIPATION  
IN THE MINNESOTA GREENSTEP CITIES PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Eagan City Council has adopted a 2009-2010 goal to exemplify a broad-based and comprehensive commitment to environmental sustainability and energy efficiency by adopting conservation and alternative energy strategies pursuing the use of local, non-polluting, renewable, and recycled resources, while encouraging residents and businesses to do likewise; and,

WHEREAS, the Eagan City Council created an Energy and Environment Advisory Commission (EEAC) in February 2010 to review and carry out the environmental and sustainability goals and initiatives of the City; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Eagan has signed the U.S. Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, a broad coalition of public and private stakeholders including the League of Minnesota Cities, the MPCA, Office of Energy Security and Clean Energy Response Team (CERTs) responded to 2008 State 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 provides cost-effective sustainable development best practices in the following five categories: (1) Buildings and Lighting; (2) Transportation; (3) Land Use; (4) Environmental Management; and (5) Economic and Community Development;

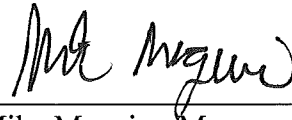
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Eagan does hereby authorize the City of Eagan (the "City") to participate in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program. Be it further resolved that the City:

1. Appoints Dianne Miller, Assistant to the City Administrator and staff liaison to the Energy and Environment Advisory Commission, to serve as the City's GreenStep coordinator to facilitate best practices review and implementation; and
2. Will facilitate the involvement of the Eagan Energy and Environment Commission, Eagan City Council, City staff, and constituents in the planning, promoting and consideration of implementing GreenStep Cities best practices; and
3. Will work in partnership with the University of Minnesota's Sustainable Education department by working with a team of students from a Sustainability Capstone Course, who will inventory Eagan's current sustainable best practices that meet the GreenStep

requirements, and provide recommendations and research on additional GreenStep best practices that the City may wish to consider; and,

4. Will claim credit for having implemented and/or will implement 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.
5. Will work with the MPCA to post a summary of the City's implementation of best practices on the Minnesota GreenStep Cities website.

**ADOPTED** by the Council this 17<sup>th</sup> Day of August, 2010.



Mike Maguire, Mayor

**ATTEST:**



Maria Petersen, City Clerk