

**CITY OF EDEN PRAIRIE
HENNEPIN COUNTY MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-45

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF EDEN PRAIRIE TO PARTICIPATE
IN THE MINNESOTA GREENSTEP CITIES PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the City of Eden Prairie created the Citizen Advisory Conservation Commission (“CACC”) in 2006 to advise the City Council and staff about policies and practices that promote the sustainable development and conservation of Eden Prairie’s air, water, and land resources; reduction of residential and commercial solid waste; and the more efficient use of energy in the economic activities of both the public and private sectors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eden Prairie has signed the U.S. Mayor’s Climate Protection Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eden Prairie developed the 20-40-15 initiative, aimed at increasing efficiency in City-owned facilities by 20 percent, improving the fuel efficiency in the City’s vehicle fleet by 40 percent and accomplishing these goals by 2015; 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 in facilitating technical assistance for the implementation of these sustainable development best practices; and

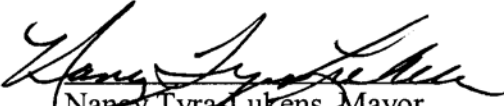
WHEREAS, the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program provides cost-effective sustainable development best practices in the following five categories: (1) Buildings and Lighting; (2) Transportation; (3) Land Use; (4) Environmental Management; and (5) Economic and Community Development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Eden Prairie does hereby authorize the City of Eden Prairie (the “City”) to participate in the Minnesota Green Step Cities program. Be it future resolved that the City:

1. Appoints Regina Rojas, Planner II and staff liaison to the Conservation Commission to serve as the city’s GreenStep coordinator to facilitate best practice implementation; and

2. Will facilitate the involvement of Citizen Advisory Conservation Commission, City staff, 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. Will identify a short list of best practices for initial implementation by June 14, 2012; and
4. Will report 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 by the City Council of the City of Eden Prairie this 14th day of June, 2011.


Nancy Tyra-Lukens, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kathleen Porta, City Clerk