

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2010-049

A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE MINNESOTA  
GREENSTEP CITIES PROGRAM

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

WHEREAS, efforts to address energy and climate issues provide an opportunity to move toward energy self-reliance and greater community resiliency; provide environmentally healthy cheaper-to-operate public buildings; encourage new economic development and local jobs; and support local food and renewable energy production; and,

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

WHEREAS, the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program assists in facilitating technical assistance for the implementation of these sustainable best practices; and,

WHEREAS, the Minnesota GreenStep Cities Program 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; and,

WHEREAS, Council has included in their 2010 Strategic Directions the goal of determining whether to participate in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities Program; and,

WHEREAS, information on the program was presented by Mr. Philipp Muessig on May 24, 2010 and discussed at a Council work session on June 8, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL that Council approves participation in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities Program and will discuss and implement ideas and best practices contained in program guidelines on a voluntary basis when appropriate and cost effective.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that GreenStep Cities best practices will be considered in the update of the land development code and in planning for city facility projects including police and fire facilities.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Northfield on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2010.

ATTEST

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City Clerk

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Mayor

VOTE:     \_\_\_ ROSSING     \_\_\_ BUCKHEIT     \_\_\_ DENISON     \_\_\_ POKORNEY  
          \_\_\_ POWNELL   \_\_\_ VOHS       \_\_\_ ZWEIFEL