

RESOLUTION 2012-36  
CITY OF SAUK RAPIDS  
COUNTY OF BENTON  
STATE OF MINNESOTA

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SAUK RAPIDS  
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MINNESOTA GREENSTEP CITIES PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, local governments have the unique opportunity to achieve both energy use and greenhouse gas emission 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 local governments an opportunity to move toward energy self-reliance and greater community resiliency; provide environmentally healthy and cheaper-to-operate public buildings; encourage new economic development and local jobs; and support local food and renewable energy production; and

WHEREAS, former Mayor of Sauk Rapids, Mark Campbell, signed the City of Sauk Rapids onto the U.S. Conference of Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement, which committed the City to strive to meet or beat the Kyoto Protocol targets for cities 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, 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 Sauk Rapids does hereby authorize the City of Sauk Rapids to participate in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program. Be it further resolved that the City:**

- 1. Appoints Sauk Rapids Green 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. Grants to the GreenStep program's buildings advisor read-only access to the city's B3 Benchmarking Database, so as to facilitate analysis and cost-savings advice to the city regarding its buildings' energy use; and

4. Will identify a short list of best practices for initial implementation by September 24, 2012; and

5. Will claim credit for having implemented and will work toward implementing at least eight 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.

ATTEST:

  
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City Administrator/Manager/Clerk

By:   
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Mayor

Date: July 9, 2012