

Charter Township

of Kalamazoo

Michigan Green Communities Challenge

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Whereas the Charter Township of Kalamazoo wants to emphasize the benefits of energy efficiency and conservation; and

Whereas the Charter Township of Kalamazoo wants to demonstrate that energy efficiency and conservation practices can be applied to the daily governmental operations and to infrastructure projects; and

Whereas the Charter Township of Kalamazoo seeks to find methods of service delivery and operations that conserve energy and resources, saving taxpayer dollars and protecting and preserving the environment; and

Whereas the Charter Township of Kalamazoo recognizes that sound energy efficiency and conservation practices can reduce government costs over the long-term; and

Whereas the Charter Township of Kalamazoo will lead by example to show the practicality and effectiveness of these practices; and

Whereas the Charter Township of Kalamazoo seeks to encourage its citizens and businesses to initiate stewardship activities that benefit the environment and their community; and

Accordingly, it is resolved that the Charter Township of Kalamazoo accepts the Michigan Green Communities Challenge and pledges to work toward achieving the goals of the Basic Challenge (see below listed steps) over the next three years.

Step 1: Obtain Organizational Support (Resolution): Passage of the support resolution by the governing body is the first essential step toward achieving the Basic Challenge. This resolution acts as a commitment or pledge of working toward the objectives as identified within the MI Green Communities Challenge.

Step 2. Assign Responsibility: Clearly defined roles for the community's management team, this may include a Sustainability Manager, Energy Manager, or other similar title.
Optional: Establish an advisory commission (or "Green Team") composed of local residents and business representatives to advise and assist the local governing board on policies and practices dealing with the environment and energy conservation.

Step 3. Collect all Energy Data for Organization or Municipal Operations: Collection of critical data is an important aspect of preparing an effective strategy. It allows for establishing a baseline for future analysis of energy reduction efforts. This also allows municipalities to benchmark themselves against similar sized municipal entities.

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Step 4. Assess Situation & Identify Gaps: After collection of data, a clearer picture of the community's status becomes available. This presents an opportunity to establish priorities, identify low hanging fruit (projects easily completed at little or no cost), and also where gaps may exist.

Once gaps have been identified in their operations, they can begin to address them through planning and eventual implementation.

Step 5. Develop Goals and Activities - Planning for the Future: Goals and activities should be evaluated and selected. Measurable outcomes should be stated so that progress and achievement can be monitored.

Step 6. Measure Performance and Quantify Results: Evaluate the progress made by including formal review processes that compare the outcomes with the projected goals. The evaluation results and information gathered will assist in creating new goals, identifying best practices, and setting new performance goals. Celebrate your accomplishments with your community.

AYES: Trustees Ronald E. Reid, Mark E. Miller, Donald D. Martin, and Patricia C. Hiatt, Treasurer George E. Cochran, Clerk Donald Z. Thall, and Supervisor Terri E. Mellinger

NAYS: None.

ADOPTED this 14th day of September, 2009.


Terri E. Mellinger, Township Supervisor


Donald Z. Thall, Township Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the *Charter Township of Kalamazoo Board of Trustees, County of Kalamazoo, State of Michigan* at a regular meeting held on the 14th day of September, 2009. at 7:30 p.m. prevailing Eastern Time, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.


Donald Z. Thall, Township Clerk