



Borough of Chatham

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RESOLUTION #11-217

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE ADOPTION OF GREEN BUILDING PRACTICES FOR MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS IN THE BOROUGH OF CHATHAM

WHEREAS, buildings account for 39% of CO₂ emissions – more than either the transportation or industrial sectors. In addition, buildings account for nearly 12% of potable water use, 65% of waste output, and 71% of electricity consumption in the U.S. (U.S. Building Council); and

WHEREAS, green building – also referred to as sustainable or high-performance building – is a collection of better design, construction, and operating practices that have the potential to reduce or eliminate the negative impacts of development on the environment and on human health. There are many examples of green building programs and guidelines that have been propagated at national, state, and municipal levels. They commonly address energy efficiency and carbon emissions reduction, water conservation, waste reduction, healthy and sustainably produced materials, indoor air quality, occupant productivity and health, and other components of green building and sustainable development; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this resolution is to enhance the public welfare and create a more sustainable community in the Borough of Chatham by incorporating green building measures into the design, construction, operation and maintenance of municipal buildings; and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to set a leadership example in the area of green building through the implementation of energy efficiency audits and upgrades to the municipal building stock, continued procurement practices, purchasing US EPA Energy Star rated products in every instance when such products are available; and

WHEREAS, nothing in this resolution shall be construed as requiring a department, purchaser or contractor to procure products that do not perform adequately for their intended use, exclude adequate competition, or are not available at a reasonable price in a reasonable period of time; and

WHEREAS, nothing in this resolution shall be construed as requiring the Borough of Chatham, department, purchaser, or contractor to take any action that conflicts with local, state or federal requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Chatham hereby implements a Green Building Policy that will consider opportunities to incorporate green building measures into the design, construction, operation and maintenance of municipal buildings and facilities.

Adopted: June 13, 2011

ATTEST:


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BOROUGH OF CHATHAM


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