

MORRIS COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

RESOLUTION #11-02

Encouraging Use of Green Building Techniques

WHEREAS, the County of Morris (County) Master Plan sets forth goals for preserving and improving the natural and built environment of the County, protecting the health of its residents and visitors, and fostering its economy; and

WHEREAS, green building is a whole systems approach to the design, construction and operation of buildings that employs materials and methods that promote natural resource conservation, energy efficiency and good indoor air quality; and

WHEREAS, when compared to conventional building techniques, green building design, construction, and operation can reduce adverse impacts on the environment and health in a variety of ways, such as incorporating energy and water efficient technologies and landscaping, using recycled content materials, reducing construction and demolition waste, improving indoor air quality and promoting long-term economic efficiency; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, green building design, construction, and operational techniques have become increasingly widespread and a number of local and national systems have developed to serve as guides to green building practice, including, but not limited to, the United States Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED™) Green Building Rating System and Reference Guide, the Energy Star Homes Program (ENERGY STAR®), and the International Green Construction Code (IgCC); and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that while green building techniques generally increase initial costs by two percent of the total construction cost, the pay back over the life cycle of the building is over ten times the initial investment; and

WHEREAS, green building techniques will benefit the residents, workers, and visitors by improving the quality of life in the County; and

WHEREAS, the County of Morris has become a leader in sustainable practices by initiating an innovative and nationally recognized renewable energy program, the Morris Model, for the financing and installation of solar panels on public and school facilities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morris County Planning Board hereby finds that green building design, construction and operation furthers the goals set forth in the County Master Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Morris County Planning Board recommends that the County of Morris continue its role as a leader in implementing sustainable practices by considering the use of green building design, construction, and operation for public facilities wherever feasible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Morris County Planning Board supports the use of green building design, construction and operation in development and redevelopment projects, wherever feasible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the County Administrator, the Morris County Park Commission, the Morris County Improvement Authority, the administrator or manager of each municipality, and the chair of each municipal planning board and zoning board in Morris County.

VOTE	Aye	Nay	Abs.
William Chegwidden			
Ted Eppel			
Ann Grossi			
Steve Hammond			
Ed McCarthy			
Isobel Olcott			
Steve Rattner			
Everton Scott			
Joseph Falkoski			
Gene Feyl, F. Alt.			
Paul VanGelder, <i>Alt. 1</i>			
Stephen Jones, <i>Alt. 2</i>			

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Morris County Planning Board at a meeting held May 19, 2011.

Director, Morris County Planning Board