

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-07

WHEREAS, the City of Marshfield acknowledges that the people of Marshfield desire a stable, sustainable future, and

WHEREAS, the City of Marshfield acknowledges that a clean and healthy environment determines the quality of life, where the environment can support and sustain the community, and where citizens are committed to local and regional cooperation and a personal philosophy of stewardship, and

WHEREAS the willingness of the City of Marshfield to move in the direction of eco-municipality designation can serve as a model for our citizens, encouraging economic development and industrial initiatives while protecting the ecosystem in which they raise their families, and

WHEREAS, by endorsing sustainable community development, the City of Marshfield is joining an international network of eco-municipalities, and taking the initiatives to become one of the first eco-municipalities in central Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, by endorsing sustainable community development, the City of Marshfield is pledging to educate itself further about sustainable activities and to develop initiatives in support of sustainable practices, and

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Marshfield Committee has made recommendations to the City of Marshfield concerning water quality, transportation and green building, and

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Marshfield Committee has unanimously recommended that the City of Marshfield become a sustainable community, and

WHEREAS, the following four guidelines were developed by the American Planning Association to help communities implement sustainable practices:

1. Reduce dependence upon fossil fuels, and extracted underground metals and minerals.
2. Reduce dependence on chemicals and other manufactured substances that can accumulate in Nature.
3. Reduce dependence on activities that harm life-sustaining ecosystems.
4. Meet the hierarchy of present and future human needs fairly and efficiently.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Marshfield endorse the principles of sustainability as outlined above and apply these principles in its decision making, planning, policy making and municipal practices, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Marshfield pursue the recommendations of the Sustainable Marshfield Committee and create a standing Sustainable Marshfield Committee to advise the Mayor and Common Council on implementation of sustainable practices, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Marshfield contact neighboring municipalities and invite them to participate in following sustainable practices.

ADOPTED: February 27, 2007

_____/s/ Michael D. Meyers_____
MICHAEL D. MEYERS, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED: February 27, 2007

_____/s/ Deb M. Hall_____
DEB M. HALL, City Clerk