

R-15-116  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
Green Design –Municipal Buildings Resolution

This Green Building Policy/Resolution action is a pre-requisite and must be completed before points will be awarded for additional GREEN DESIGN actions.

Alternatively, adoption of the Sustainable Land Use Pledge satisfies this pre-requisite. Municipalities can receive points for both the Sustainable Land Use Pledge as well as the Green Building Policy/Resolution if both are adopted.

If using the Sustainable Land Use Pledge to satisfy the Green Design pre-requisite, the Sustainable Land Use Pledge must include the following language in the Green Building section: Green Design - We pledge to incorporate the principles of green design and renewable energy generation into municipal buildings to the extent feasible and when updating our site plan and subdivision requirements for residential and commercial buildings.

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE ADOPTION OF GREEN BUILDING PRACTICES  
FOR CIVIC, COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

WHEREAS, buildings account for 39% of CO<sub>2</sub> 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. Green Building Council).

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.

WHEREAS, the purpose of this resolution is to enhance the public welfare and assure that commercial, residential and civic development is consistent with the Borough of Highlands desire to create a more sustainable community by incorporating green building measures into the design, construction, operation and maintenance of buildings.

WHEREAS, the City 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...etc. (e.g. improve water conservation, reduce light pollution, increase construction waste recycling).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Highlands 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.

	INTRODUCED	SECONDED	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CARD			x			
KANE			x			
REDMOND		x	x			
RYAN	x		x			
NOLAN						
ON CONSENT AGENDA			x	YES		NO

DATE: May 20, 2015

Carolyn Cummins, Borough Clerk

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

CERTIFICATION

I, Carolyn Cummins, Clerk of the Borough of Highlands, in the County of Monmouth, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Borough Council at a regular meeting held on the 20 day of May 2015.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said

Borough this \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2015.

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Carolyn Cummins, Borough Clerk