

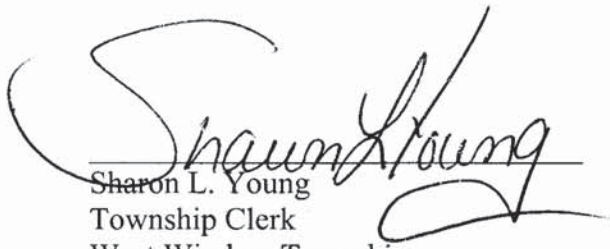
RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS, nationally, 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. (source: U.S. Green 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 practices, programs and guidelines that have been propagated at national, state, and municipal levels. These practices and programs 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 benefits of green building and sustainable development; and
- WHEREAS, the purpose of this resolution is to enhance the public welfare and assure that commercial, quasi-public, residential and civic development is consistent with the Township of West Windsor's desire to create a more sustainable community by incorporating green building measures into the design, construction, operation and maintenance of buildings and properties; and
- WHEREAS, West Windsor Township 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 sustainable operation and procurement practices (e.g., improve water conservation, reduce light pollution, increase construction waste recycling, green purchasing), etc.; and
- WHEREAS, West Windsor Township additionally wishes to support green building in the private sector through a combination of voluntary actions (e.g., a green building practices checklist as a discussion item within the Land Development Plan approval process), actions that may be required in the future although not at the time of the adoption of this resolution (e.g., amending the Site and Subdivision Plan approval checklist to directly incorporate a green building practices checklist of standards and options available to a municipality and land developers), and educational actions (e.g., making available information on green building programs, guidelines, rebates, etc. to residents of the municipality); and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of West Windsor Township, in the county of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that West Windsor Township 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 and will encourage green design for commercial, quasi-public and residential buildings and associated site development.

Adopted: June 14, 2010

I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the West Windsor Township Council at their meeting held on the 14th day of June 2010.


Sharon L. Young
Township Clerk
West Windsor Township