

RESOLUTION

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

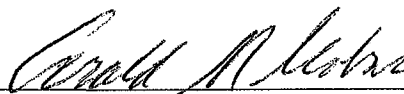
WHEREAS, buildings account for 39% of CO2 emissions – more than either the transportation or industrial sectors. In addition, buildings account for nearly 12% of potable water use, 65% of waste output, and 71% of electricity consumption in the U.S. (U.S. Green Building Council); and

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 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 assure that commercial, residential and civic development is consistent with the Governing Body of the Borough of Watchung's desire to create a more sustainable community by incorporating green building measures into the design, construction, operation and maintenance of building; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Watchung 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 and other conservation practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung 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.



Council



Mayor

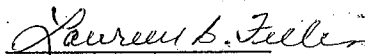
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I, Laureen B. Fellin, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council at a meeting held on November 10, 2010.



Laureen B. Fellin, RMC