

Sample Resolution
Supporting Implementation of the Capital Region Sustainability Plan

WHEREAS, the (insert local government) is making a commitment to be a regional leader in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions; and;

WHEREAS, the (insert local government) supports sustainable development by reducing energy consumption, developing infrastructure to facilitate sustainable development, and supporting efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and conserve non-renewable resources; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Region Sustainability Plan recommends sustainability initiatives related to Climate Adaptation, Economic Development, Energy, Food Systems, Water, Solid Waste, Transportation and Land Use and Livability; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Region Sustainability Plan is intended to inform implementation of sustainable land use policies, serve as a basis for infrastructure design and decision-making, guide viable investment of both public and private resources, outline specific and tangible actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions consistent with New York State's goal of 80% carbon reduction by the year 2050, and identify strategies for adapting to the effects of climate change; and

WHEREAS, the (insert local government) wants to create, integrate, and manage orderly and sustainable development and growth; manage costs and revenues to achieve efficient operations; support and encourage sustainability, livability, and pride in our neighborhoods; enhance local and regional agricultural activities; aggressively attract and retain diverse businesses; promote healthy lifestyles for all segments of the community; and provide a safe environment for our residents, businesses and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the (insert local government) believes that it is no longer acceptable to allocate public resources based solely on financial considerations, but rather that decisions on local land use, policies and programs must also take into consideration the environmental health, economic strength, and social well-being of our communities; and

WHEREAS, implementing the Capital Region Sustainability Plan will promote energy conservation and the development of renewable energy sources; reduce greenhouse gas emissions; promote sustainable economic development; improve the quality of life; and result in long term cost savings; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the (insert local government):

1. Supports the implementation of the Capital Region Sustainability Plan; and
2. Will incorporate the principles of sustainability outlined in the Capital Region Sustainability Plan into land use decisions, budget considerations and local government operations; and
3. Will take into consideration the following sustainability elements in future local government actions:
 - A. The life-cycle costs and benefits to the environment;
 - B. Quality of life;
 - C. The well-being of citizens and employees;
 - D. Overall livability as it pertains to our community; and
 - E. The local and regional economy.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED at the meeting of (insert Board/Council/Commission) of the (insert local government) on this (date of meeting).

Signed