

RESOLUTION 18-19

APPROVING THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON'S SUSTAINABILITY ACTION PLAN

- WHEREAS, In January 2018, the Bloomington Common Council passed Resolution 18-01, adopting the City's *Comprehensive Plan*; and
- WHEREAS, The *Comprehensive Plan* is the City's long-range vision for the community, one upon which future land use and other policy decisions are predicated; and
- WHEREAS, The *Comprehensive Plan* outlines broad goals, policies and programs to strengthen the environmental, social, and economic well-being of the community and its residents; and
- WHEREAS, The *Comprehensive Plan* states that the development of a more detailed "long-term environmental plan, as part of a larger sustainability plan" is a priority for the City (*Comprehensive Plan*, p. 42); and
- WHEREAS, The recently-issued five-year *Sustainability Action Plan* is, in part, a reaction to that call; and
- WHEREAS, Developed by Gnarly Tree Sustainability Institute at the direction of the City's Department of Economic and Sustainable Development Department, the *Sustainability Action Plan* outlines sustainability action steps the City should take and metrics for determining the success of those steps; and
- WHEREAS, the Sustainability Action Plan is not intended to be an exhaustive guide to all sustainability actions the City may take over the next five years; instead, it "is intended to be a living document that will grow and adapt to our changing community needs over time" (*Sustainability Action Plan*, p. 6); and
- WHEREAS, The Common Council has a long history of leading efforts to foster greater community sustainability, passing the following legislation:
- In 2005, Ordinance 05-15, establishing the Bloomington Commission on Sustainability.
 - In 2006, Resolution 06-05: *Supporting the Kyoto Protocol and the Reduction of Greenhouse Gases*.
 - Also in 2006, Resolution 06-07: *Recognizing the Peak of World Oil Production*.
 - In 2007, Resolution 07-16, establishing the Bloomington Peak Oil Task Force.
 - In 2009, Resolution 09-18, approving the report of the Peak Oil Task Force, entitled, *Redefining Prosperity: Energy Descent and Community Resilience*.
 - Also in 2009, Ordinance 09-04, establishing the *Green Building Program*.
 - In 2015, Resolution 15-09, endorsing a *Food Charter to Help Guide Community Decisions about Policies and Programs that Affect the Local Food System*.
 - In 2015, Resolution 15-12, adopting the *Monroe County Energy Challenge*.
 - In 2017, Resolution 17-13, urging *Congress to Enact Revenue-Neutral Carbon Fee and Dividend Legislation*.
- WHEREAS, the Administration, through the Economic and Sustainable Development Department's *Sustainability Action Plan* adds actions and metrics-of-success to the City's library of sustainability plans; and
- WHEREAS, the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC) recently-issued Oct. 8, 2018 report indicates that to avoid catastrophic and irreversible damage to both human-constructed and natural systems, global temperatures must rise no higher than 1.5 degree Celsius above pre-industrial levels; and

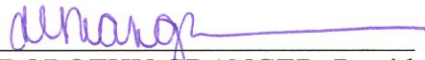
WHEREAS, the IPCC's report means that all communities must take swift and meaningful action to increase the sustainability and resilience of our shared human and natural systems; and

WHEREAS, because the *Sustainability Action Plan* is contemplated in the *Comprehensive Plan*, the Council wishes to formally accept this plan as a guiding document for City activities and funding priorities;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

SECTION 1. The City of Bloomington *Sustainability Action Plan* (2018) is hereby accepted as an advisory document.


PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 31st day of October, 2018.


DOROTHY GRANGER, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:


NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 1st day of November, 2018.


NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 2^d day of November, 2018.


JOHN HAMILTON, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution is sponsored by Councilmember Piedmont-Smith and cites the City of Bloomington's Comprehensive Plan's reference to the development of broad plan for community sustainability and documents the Common Council's long history of initiating sustainability-related legislation. The resolution accepts the 2018 *Sustainability Action Plan* as an advisory document, one that is intended to guide City activities and funding priorities.