

**TOWNSHIP OF BURLINGTON**

**RESOLUTION**

2013-R-128

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE ADOPTION OF GREEN BUILDING PRACTICES  
FOR MUNICIPAL, 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 Burlington Township's desire to create a more sustainable community by incorporating green building measures into the design, construction, operation and maintenance of buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township desires to set a leadership example in the area of Green Building through the implementation of energy efficiency audits and upgrades to municipal buildings and continued procurement practices (e.g. improve water conservation, reduce light pollution, increase construction waste recycling); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township additionally wishes to support green building in the private sector through a combination of voluntary actions (e.g., including a green building scorecard as a discussion item within the Site 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 Plan approval checklist to directly incorporate those green building standards available to a municipality), and educational actions (e.g., making available information on green building programs, guidelines, rebates, etc. to residents of the municipality).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Burlington, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey 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 and residential buildings.

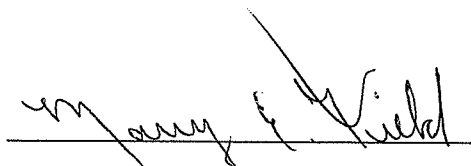
**DATE:** June 11, 2013

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MICHAEL K. CANTWELL  
President of Council


**ATTEST:**



MARY E. FIELD  
Deputy Municipal Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution is a true and exact copy of a resolution finally adopted at the meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Burlington, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, 851 Old York Road, Burlington, New Jersey 08016 held on Tuesday, *June 11, 2013* and duly recorded in my office; that all requirements of law pertaining to the conduct of said meeting and the passage of this resolution were observed; and that I am duly authorized to execute this certificate.

Dated this *13th* day of *June* 2013.

  
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Mary E. Field  
Deputy Municipal Clerk