

RESOLUTION 5-2009

Eco-Municipality Designation Resolution

Whereas, the earliest settlers to Wisconsin did, by necessity, live life with economy and thrift, in concert with the land, seasons and resources of this area, and

Whereas, today, the natural resources in Wisconsin, and around the world, including the very stability of earth's climate, are being strained by overuse, population increase and damaging human consumption patterns, and

Whereas, the over-dependence of American society upon fossil fuels creates significant pollution, unhealthy dependence upon foreign governments, and economic insecurity from price shocks and potential supply interruptions, and

Whereas, a healthy natural environment, a diverse, self-reliant local economy, and a forward-thinking citizenry which participates responsibly in the world community are desirable and significant ends in themselves, and

Whereas, clean, abundant and diverse natural resources are, in fact, fundamental to our economy, welfare and very survival, as well as that of future generations,

Whereas, these realizations are leading many communities across Wisconsin, and the world, to initiate new strategies and programs to prepare for likely changes to their economies, lifestyle and living patterns, and

Whereas, many organizations (American Planning Association), corporations (Walmart), and even nations (Sweden), have adopted principles whose purpose is to avert large-scale economic or ecological disaster, and

Whereas, Amery is currently required to submit goals and plans for its future under the Smart Growth law and other state initiatives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That Amery, Wisconsin declares itself to be an eco-municipality and embraces the goals and objectives detailed in The Natural Step Program's four principles of sustainability:

1. Reduce dependence upon fossil fuels and extracted underground metals and minerals, as these create hazardous and unwanted effects on us and to our natural environment;
2. Reduce dependence on chemicals and other manufactured substances that accumulate in Nature, degrade, and reduce the health and vitality of ourselves and our natural environment;

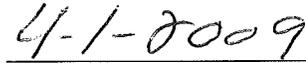
3. Reduce dependence upon social and economic activities that produce harmful effects on valuable and life-sustaining ecosystems, like lakes, rivers and soil; and

4. Meet present and future human needs as fairly and efficiently as possible, and act in a way that allows others to do the same.

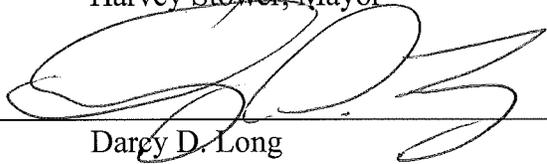
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution announces policies to be used in running the city in a manner that is sustainable and consistent with being an eco-municipality. Areas within the reach of this resolution are housing codes, municipal planning, departmental practices, sewage disposal, as well as advisories and information provided to residents.



Harvey Stower, Mayor



Date



Darcy D. Long
City Administrator



Date