

RESOLUTION #19-68

APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE GREEN TIER LEGACY COMMUNITY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, in partnership with the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, 1,000 Friends of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Energy Conservation Corporation, Center on Wisconsin Strategy, Wisconsin Counties Association and the cities of Appleton, Bayfield, Fitchburg, Middleton, Ashland, Monona, Eau Claire, Bayside, Port Washington, Sheboygan, La Crosse and the Village of Weston have created Legacy Communities- a Green Tier Charter with goals of:

1. To assist municipalities in achieving superior environmental performance in one or both of the following two areas: (1) water resource management; (2) sustainability practices; and goals relating to economic development, public health and social equity; and to recognize their efforts and progress;
2. To improve the quality of life and economic vitality of communities;
3. To help municipalities and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) address wastewater, stormwater, drinking water, wetlands and other water issues in a holistic, watershed-based manner;
4. To assist municipalities in preparing, implementing, and improving an overall watershed plan(s) that integrates the municipality's full range of water resources issues;
5. To assist municipalities in preparing, implementing and improving over time a sustainability plan that reduces a municipality's impact on the environment;
6. To facilitate access to state and federal funding for projects and activities related to achieving the purposes of this charter, such as energy efficiency, renewable energy, greenhouse gas reductions, comprehensive planning, transportation policies, and integrated planning for wastewater treatment, storm water treatment and management; and drinking water;
7. To realize taxpayer savings through reduced municipal expenditures on motor vehicles fuels and energy resulting from efficient development patterns;
8. To help municipalities comply with various water regulations in a more efficient, cost effective and flexible manner;
9. To achieve other demonstrable and measurable environmental improvements beyond what is required by local, state, or federal law; and

WHEREAS, the City of De Pere has been invited to join in this voluntary program, and the City's Sustainability Commission, upon review of said goals, believes the City's participation will enhance the City's ongoing commitments to sustainability, and

WHEREAS, the Common Council believes the City will benefit from a partnership with the Green Tier Legacy Communities Program by receiving positive recognition, gaining access to a DNR staff liaison and their resource team, receiving prioritization in applying for certain grants and streamlining in certain DNR permitting processes, and

WHEREAS, by adopting this resolution the City of De Pere agrees to: sign and hold to the Green Tier Charter for Legacy Communities; participate in quarterly meetings, networks and share information with our public and with other communities in the program; and provide an annual report outlining the progress in the City's goals, baselines and sustainability plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Common Council of the City of De Pere declares itself a signator to the Green Tier Charter for Legacy Communities and authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

The Sustainability Commission, with support of City staff, is directed to assist with meeting the Charter goals and to submit an annual report to the Organizational Signatories.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

The City Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Wisconsin DNR and the Legacy Communities Green Tier Steering Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

All City officials, officers and employees are authorized and directed to take such steps as are lawful and necessary in furtherance thereof.

Adopted by the Common Council of the City of De Pere, Wisconsin this 18th day of June, 2019.

APPROVED:


Michael J. Walsh, Mayor

ATTEST:


Carey E. Danen, City Clerk

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0