

A RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND BEST PRACTICES.

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson is committed to practices that ensure the quality of the natural environment and understands its role as a steward to future generations; and

WHEREAS, the City continues to grow its renewable energy portfolio, currently at 25% of the City's power supply, through power generation from river hydroelectricity and solar power; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted practices that encourage private installation of solar panels and the ability for Hudson Public Power customers to purchase Renewable Energy Credits; and

WHEREAS, Hudson's City Charter provides for a Tree Commission appointed by City Council, and the City maintains a 41.4% urban tree canopy through a robust tree planting and maintenance program, resulting in Hudson being named a "Sterling" Tree City USA for the past 37 years by the Arbor Day Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Hudson was ranked number 1 out of 64 Northeast Ohio Tree City USA cities by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry for its urban canopy and tree programs; and

WHEREAS, Hudson has installed 55 solar panels and created the Barlow Community Center Solar Training Facility, the first government-owned facility in the region to train fire departments and electric power company employees and to teach citizens about solar energy generation and how to use it on their homes.

WHEREAS, Hudson has demonstrated its commitment to renewable energy by pursuing development of a solar power array, and the City has issued an RFP for its design and construction within Hudson; and

WHEREAS, the Keep Hudson Beautiful Committee received the President's Circle Award from Keep America Beautiful as part of the City's efforts to end littering, improve recycling, and beautify the community; and

WHEREAS, in addition to a City-owned and operated recycling center, Hudson City Council mandated that all refuse haulers in Hudson offer curbside recycling as part of their standard monthly service without a separate fee; and

WHEREAS, the City continues to add vehicles and equipment to its fleet that use flex-fuels and stop/start technology to reduce emissions; and

WHEREAS, Hudson further supports carbon emissions reduction by encouraging walking, biking and hiking by developing a detailed plan to increase the number of connected sidewalks and bike and hike trails that will allow citizens to travel throughout the community by walking and biking; and

WHEREAS, the City recycles and uses recycled asphalt and warm-mix asphalt that helps lower greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, Hudson City Council created the Hudson Environmental Awareness Committee to educate the community about environmental issues such as recycling, storm water runoff, stream and wetlands clean-up, and water and energy efficiency, and to make recommendations to Council as requested; and

WHEREAS, Hudson City Council encourages all interested citizens to participate in the meetings and efforts of the Environmental Awareness Committee; and

WHEREAS, the City has implemented ongoing educational programing to teach the best ways to recycle, maintain water quality, tree care and planting; and

WHEREAS, the City administration has generated energy savings by installing LED lighting technology at its public facilities, in street lights, and on the City holiday lighting displays; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson maintains nearly 2,000 acres of park land, open space, and conservation areas which help offset greenhouse gas/carbon emissions that would impact the environment; and

WHEREAS, Hudson's storm water management, riparian and wetland protection standards, and open space requirements are widely regarded as among the most forward thinking and as examples of best practices; and

WHEREAS, Hudson was an active participant and is a signatory community of the Brandywine Creek Watershed Balanced Growth Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Hudson, County of Summit, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1: The City government, will continue to reflect its commitment to environmental sustainability, will continuously seek opportunities to improve the environmental sustainability of its practices, and will continue to strive to employ environmental best practices for the community and its future citizens

Section 2: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal

action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3: This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED:

David A. Basil, Mayor

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council

I certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 18-74 was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality on _____, 2018.

Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council