



# CITY OF LA CROSSE COUNCIL LEGISLATION

File #

**CAPTION:**

Resolution endorsing The Natural Step model for Eco-Municipalities for its principles of sustainable community development and authorizing the City Planning Department to prepare a request for proposals for developing a sustainable community plan.

**REFERRAL ROUTE:**

Intro: 02/08/07  
Dir. Finance  
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**ACTIONS AND DATES: (for Clerk's Office use only)**

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Council Members Jai Johnson & Dorothy Lenard

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## AMENDED RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, on December 19, 2002 the Common Council of the City of La Crosse adopted *Confluence: The La Crosse Comprehensive Plan* and a goal of said plan is safeguarding and improving environmental features as a means of promoting neighborhood revitalization, community image and quality of life that enhances, restores and protects natural resources such as the rivers, wetlands, bluffs and wooded hillsides, among others; and

**WHEREAS**, The Natural Step model for Eco-Municipalities for sustainable community development has been well shown to fit this goal by the experiences of several cities in the United States including Ashland, Washburn and Madison, Wisconsin and over 75 cities worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, the willingness of the City to become an Eco-Municipality through The Natural Step program can serve as a model for others and thereby encourage sustainable practices in the City and throughout the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the following four guidelines were developed by the American Planning Association to help communities implement sustainable practices:

1. Reduce dependence upon fossil fuels, and extracted underground metals and minerals.
2. Reduce dependence on chemicals and other manufactured substances that can accumulate in Nature.
3. Reduce dependence on activities that harm life-sustaining ecosystems.
4. Meet the hierarchy of present and future human needs fairly and efficiently; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to the goals within *Confluence* that the City endorse the principles of sustainable community development and prepare a sustainable community plan following the guidelines of The Natural Step Model for Eco-Municipalities.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Common Council of the City of La Crosse hereby endorses the principles of sustainable community development as described through The Natural Step model for Eco-Municipalities stated above, and agrees to apply these principles whenever possible in its planning, policy making, and municipal practices.

**BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Common Council of the City of La Crosse hereby authorizes the Planning Department to prepare and circulate a Request for Proposals (RFP) to seek a qualified person(s)/firm(s) who will assist the Mayor, All City Departments, City staff and others, in preparing said sustainable community plan.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor shall appoint a consultant selection committee and said selection committee shall provide a recommendation to the Common Council for selection of said person/firm and contract for services.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the cost for said planning services shall not exceed \$25,000 for the planning consultant(s) and \$5,000 for City staff, printing, mailing and meeting costs, with the source of funds being appropriated as follows: \$15,000 from 2006 Community Development Block Grant and \$15,000 from the 2007 Community Development Block Grant, sustainable plan funds.