

R-13-158
3-12-2013

**RESOLUTION
ADOPTING PASSAIC COUNTY FUTURE
AS A COMPREHENSIVE ACTION PLAN FOR ACHIEVING
SUSTAINABILITY IN PASSAIC COUNTY GOVERNMENT
OPERATIONS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to R-06-315, dated May 23, 2006, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Passaic created the Passaic County Citizens' Advisory Committee (the "Advisory Committee") on Energy Issues to review areas where the County can realize both economic savings and environmental benefits by utilizing existing or emerging technology in the interest of energy efficiency, and to make appropriate recommendations to the Board; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to R-07-422, dated August 14, 2007, the Advisory Committee became the Passaic County Citizens' Advisory Committee on Energy and Sustainability Issues; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to R-08-537, dated June 24, 2008, the Board of Chosen Freeholders enacted a comprehensive "Green Building" Policy for all new, remodeled or rehabilitated county facilities, and architectural and site plans concerning new county building construction and/or rehabilitation/improvement initiatives of county buildings; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to R-12-699, dated September 11, 2012, the Board of Chosen Freeholders enacted a comprehensive "Green Fleet" Policy addressing the management, operation and procurement of fleet vehicles under the control of the County of Passaic in order to improve the energy efficiency of its fleets and reduce emissions from its fleets; and

WHEREAS, the County of Passaic seeks to support the efforts of municipalities by providing professional environmental planning expertise and serving as a liaison to other government entities, nonprofit organizations, and regional agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee continues to review areas where the County can realize both economic savings and environmental benefits to strengthen the health and resiliency of the Passaic County community; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Passaic is committed to enacting policy measures to be implemented and adhered to by officials and department heads within the purview of county government concerning sustainability in government operations; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee, Freeholder Board, and County Administration recognize the need for a systematic approach to realize the most gains from their sustainability efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Planning & Economic Development has engaged a Sustainability Working Group (the "Working Group") of local Environmental Commission and Green Team members, university faculty, and sustainability experts to draft a comprehensive action plan with distinct goals and strategies to achieve a sustainable future for Passaic County; and

WHEREAS, the County of Passaic defines sustainability as a systematic approach that supports economic responsibility, environmental stewardship and a thriving community to achieve

and encourage the highest level of efficiency and conservation of resources in local government operations; and

WHEREAS, this “systems-thinking” approach leads to an accounting system that reaches the triple bottom line of fiscal, social and environmental performance; and

WHEREAS, the County of Passaic strives to provide effective services that fulfill the needs of county residents today, without compromising the ability of future generations of Passaic County residents to meet and exceed our quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the goals and strategies outlined in *Passaic County Future* were thoughtfully designed to guide Passaic County toward our vision for a sustainable future; and

WHEREAS, *Passaic County Future* represents a commitment to improving public health and the quality of life for all residents, visitors and businesses in the Passaic County community; and

WHEREAS, that such a commitment cannot be accomplished alone, but will require mutually-beneficial collaboration and partnerships with municipal, state and federal agencies, nonprofit and community groups, public corporations, and universities, as well as private sector businesses to ensure Passaic County’s Rich History, Bright Future;

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Passaic that *Passaic County Future* is hereby adopted as the comprehensive action plan for achieving sustainability in Passaic County government operations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Passaic County governing body will consider the direct and indirect fiscal, social and environmental impacts of their decisions, resulting in policies that reduce waste to promote efficiency and effectiveness across all three areas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in carrying out the policies enacted by the governing body, Passaic County Administration and staff will equally consider the fiscal, social and environmental impacts of their actions and operations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that *Passaic County Future* will be re-examined and updated in five years from the date of this resolution; and

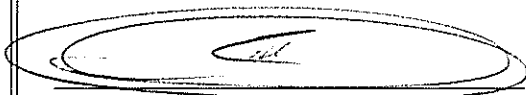
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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This resolution was requested by:



Reviewed by:



ANTHONY J. DE NOVA
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:


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RECORD OF VOTE

Freeholder	Y	N	NV	ABS	RES	SEC
Bartlett	X					
Best	X					
Cotroneo	X					
Duffy	X				X	
Lepore	X					X
Lora	X					
Dir. James	X					

Y=yes N=no NV=not voting
ABS=abstain RES=moved SEC=seconded

Dated: March 12, 2013