



City of Madison

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**Title**

Establishing sustainability goals to guide the development of the plan for the Northeast Neighborhoods.

**Body**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Madison adopted its Comprehensive Plan in January of 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Madison's Comprehensive Plan includes a provision that a special area plan or other detailed plan be adopted by the City prior to the City extending services and approving development in peripheral areas lacking such a plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Madison is preparing a neighborhood development plan for the area known as the Northeast Neighborhoods which generally includes the lands located east of Interstate Highway 39/90/94, north of Interstate Highway 94, west of Thorson Road, and south of existing Lien Road and a proposed extension east to Thorson Road; and

**WHEREAS**, the Comprehensive Plan identifies the lands within the Northeast Neighborhoods planning area as planned near-term City of Madison expansion and future urban development areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northeast Neighborhoods Neighborhood Development Plan will strive to achieve the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan for new neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, the Comprehensive Plan includes a goal calling for Madison to grow and develop in a sustainable way that will protect the high quality natural environment, promote energy efficiency and conservation of natural resources and create a built environment that is adaptable to future changes in conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has adopted "Building a Green Capital City: A Blueprint for Madison's Sustainable Design and Energy Future" plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Building a Green Capital City Plan recommended that the City adopt a sustainability framework for guiding City decision making; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has adopted a framework for sustainability called the Natural Step; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northeast Neighborhoods Neighborhood Development Plan will strive to help implement the principles outlined in the Natural Step;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the development of the plan for Madison's Northeast Neighborhoods will be guided by the following goals:

1. Capturing 25% of all trips made by persons living in the development area by walking, bicycling or transit through the use of transit-oriented development, traditional neighborhood development, mixed-use development, transit access for early neighborhood residents, transportation-demand management plans, walkable environments, bike facilities, or other transportation-demand management practices.
2. Reducing household consumption of natural gas and fossil fuel-generated electricity by 25% compared to current city-wide household levels through the use of energy efficient construction, alternative energy sources, on-site energy production, conservation education and outreach, or other energy conservation practices.
3. Reducing residential per capita water use by 25% compared to current city-wide per capita levels through the use of low-flow appliances and fixtures, dual-flow and low-flow toilets, rain barrels, low-impact lawn care design, conservation education and outreach, or other water conservation practices.
4. Infiltrating 25% of the storm water volume on or adjacent to points of generation through the use of rain gardens, green roofs, porous sidewalks and drives, or other on-site stormwater management practices.

**Fiscal Note**

City costs associated with urban development in this area will be included in future operating and capital budgets subject to Common Council approval.