

## TOWNSHIP OF DOWNE CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Bart, E.	Х			
Byrne, S.	Х			
Jordan, L.	Х			
Rothman, M.	Х			
Campbell, R.	Х			

Resolution Number: R-37-2025 Dated: January 13, 2025 Offered By: CAMPBELL Seconded By: BART

## RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE ADOPTION OF GREEN BUILDING PRACTICES FOR CIVIC, COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

WHEREAS, buildings account for 39% of CO2 emissions - more than either the transportation or industrial sectors. In addition, buildings account for nearly 12% of potable water use, 65% of waste output, and 71% of electricity consumption in the U.S. (U.S. Green Building Council); and,

whereas, green building - also referred to as sustainable or high-performance building -- is a collection of better design, construction, and operating practices that have the potential to reduce or eliminate the negative impacts of development on the environment and on human health. There are many examples of green building programs and guidelines that have been propagated at national, state, and municipal levels. They commonly address energy efficiency and carbon emissions reduction, water conservation, waste reduction, healthy and sustainably produced materials, indoor air quality, occupant productivity and health, and other components of green building and sustainable development; and,

whereas, the purpose of this resolution is to enhance the public welfare and encourage commercial, residential and civic development to be consistent with the Township of Downe's desire to have a more sustainable community by incorporating green building measures into the design, construction, operation and maintenance of buildings; and,

whereas, the Township of Downe desires to set a leadership example in the area of green building through the implementation of energy efficiency audits and upgrades to the municipal building stock, continued procurement practices...etc.; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Downe additionally wishes to support green building in the private sector through a combination of voluntary actions,

and educational actions (e.g., making available information on green building programs, guidelines, rebates etc. to residents of the municipality.)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Township of Downe hereby implements a Green Building Policy that will consider opportunities to incorporate green building measures into the design, construction, operation and maintenance of municipal buildings and facilities, and will encourage green design for commercial and residential buildings.

THIS RESOLUTION was adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Downe on January 13, 2025.

ATTEST:

Nadine E. Lockley, Municipal Clerk

Michael L. Rothman, Mayor

## CERTIFICATION

I, NADINE E. LOCKLEY, RMC, CMR, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Downe, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of the Resolution adopted by the Downe Township Committee of the Township of Downe, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey, at their Regular Meeting held on January 13, 2025 at 6:30pm at the Municipal Complex.

Date	NADINE E.	LOCKLEY,	RMC,	CMR	
	Municipal	Clerk			