

RESOLUTION NO. 10-216

**RESOLUTION BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
MIDDLETOWN ENDORSING THE ADOPTION OF GREEN BUILDING
PRACTICES FOR CIVIC, COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS**

WHEREAS, buildings account for 39% of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions – more than either the transportation or industrial sectors.

WHEREAS, buildings account for nearly 12% of potable water use, 65% of waste output, and 71% of electricity consumption in the United States according to the U.S. Green Building Council.

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.

WHEREAS, there are many examples of green building programs and guidelines that have been propagated at national, state, and municipal levels that 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.

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Resolution is to enhance the public welfare and assure that commercial, residential and civic development is consistent with the Township of Middletown’s desire to create a more sustainable community by incorporating green building measures into the design, construction, operation and maintenance of buildings.

WHEREAS, the Township 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; implementation of the Township’s approved Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy as part of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant via the federal Department of Energy; by determining our municipal and community carbon footprint and identifying ways to mitigate impacts; by determining the degree to which municipal operating costs and carbon footprint can be reduced by centralizing certain municipal administrative operations; and by completing an Energy Plan.

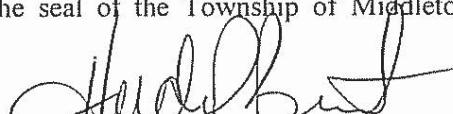
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Middletown hereby implements a Green Building Policy that will consider opportunities to incorporate green building measures into the design, construction, operation and maintenance of municipal, commercial and residential buildings and facilities.

Committee Member	Approved	Opposed	Abstain	Absent
P. Brightbill	X			
S. Byrnes	X			
A. Fiore	X			
S. Massell				X
Mayor Scharfenberger	X			

CERTIFICATION

I, Heidi R. Brunt, Township Clerk of the Township of Middletown, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Middletown Township Committee at their meeting held August 16, 2010.

WITNESS, my hand and the seal of the Township of Middletown this 16th day of August, 2010.



HEIDI R. BRUNT
TOWNSHIP CLERK