

By MR. Williams

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A RESOLUTION

Supporting a Community Challenge to Encourage Regional Sustainability and the Dayton Regional Green Initiative.

WHEREAS, The City of Dayton vision and related strategies are structured to integrate and balance concerns related to the environment, economy, and a healthy community; and

WHEREAS, The City of Dayton supports Regional Sustainability by incorporating sustainable practices into City operations through energy and natural resource conservation and waste reduction; and

WHEREAS, The City of Dayton desires to demonstrate responsible stewardship of resources to raise awareness and educate our employees, residents, and community to enhance a sustainable region; and

WHEREAS, The City of Dayton agrees to put forth an ongoing effort to certify its public facilities through the Green Business Certification program; and

WHEREAS, The City of Dayton recognizes the importance of a well-known sustainability program in attracting companies, workforce, and people to the area; and

WHEREAS, The City of Dayton agrees that it is in the best interest of the City to support regional efforts to achieve community goals for a balanced approach to long term quality of life for a sustainable region: now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DAYTON:

Section 1. That this Commission challenges Dayton businesses and residents to improve practices so that the community can achieve the goals listed in Sections 4 and 5 below.

Section 2. That this Commission supports efforts that enhance regional sustainability.

Section 3. That this Commission recognizes and supports the Dayton Regional Green mission to promote greener government, business, and personal practices throughout the greater Dayton region to ensure the sustainability of our region and its natural resources and to enhance the quality of life for our citizens.

Section 4. That the City of Dayton will pursue goals that support regional sustainability and the Dayton Regional Green efforts over the next three years. The City of Dayton challenges the community to help meet regional goals including but not limited to:

- a. 1,500 Certified Green Businesses with energy benchmarking for 200 buildings;
- b. 30,000 Facebook fans;
- c. 25% residential/commercial recycling diversion rate for all of Montgomery County;
- d. 100,000 trees planted;
- e. 100 Groundwater Guardian Green Sites;
- f. 50 new community/school gardens/urban agriculture sites;
- g. Access to nature for every child;

- h. 50 sites that incorporate sustainable practices such as rain gardens, green roofs, or green parking lots;
- i. Recycling pick up for businesses;
- j. 1 new or improved water trail access site; and
- k. 3 bike trail connections.

Section 5. That the City of Dayton will participate in regional events to develop measurable goals, report progress, and promote the region. Regional goals may include but are not limited to the following:

- a. Conserve or restore 10 acres of green space land;
- b. Update the no-idling policy for the City fleet;
- c. Provide infrastructure for alternative fueled vehicles including installation of one Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueling station and opening one Electric Vehicle Charging station;
- d. Purchase 2 CNG vehicles and 2 electric mowers to evaluate feasibility for fleet conversion;
- e. Add one mile of bike trails;
- f. Add 10 connections to the regional bikeway network or water trail access;
- g. Achieve silver level certification from the League of American Bicyclist, Bicycle Friendly Community;
- h. Install rain gardens, bioretention areas, green roofs, or pervious areas at 3 sites;
- i. Promote yard waste recycling;
- j. Plant 2,000 trees;
- k. Improve recycling at public venues such as the Air Show and Convention Center events;
- l. Update the energy benchmarking for City facilities;
- m. Certify 10 City facilities through the Dayton Regional Green Business Certification Program;
- n. Continue to implement Complete Streets principles;
- o. Add walkability design standards to new buildings;
- p. Implement 2 Safe Routes to Schools projects;
- q. Implement municipal code revisions that allow for habitat friendly landscaping and natural growth areas;
- r. Begin incorporating green purchasing principles into City purchases;
- s. Create incentives for sustainable practices (i.e., solar panels, geothermal, trail planning, rain gardens/ barrel, green pavement, energy conservation, urban gardens);
- t. Provide educational opportunities on sustainability for residents and businesses at 100 events;
- u. Double vacant lot maintenance by residents;
- v. Assess, remediate, or redevelop 3 Brownfield sites utilizing public and private partnerships;
- w. Purchase Segways or additional bikes for police patrol;
- x. Reduce paper waste through technology investments and promoting efficient print production such as double-sided default copiers; and
- y. Increase residential/commercial recycling diversion rate to 12%.

Section 6. That the City of Dayton will conduct media pushes four times per year, at minimum, to share common sustainability topics to employees, residents, jurisdictions, institutions, and businesses. These pushes shall include items such as energy conservation actions, pushes to other networks, and sharing of accomplishments during Earth Day events.

Section 7. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to take actions in support of the regional sustainability initiatives and goals.

Adopted by the Commission January 29, 2014

Signed by the Mayor January 29, 2014

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Mayor of the City of Dayton, Ohio

ATTEST:

Rashella Lavender
Clerk of the Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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