

TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION
Meeting Date: October 12, 2009

SUBJECT: Consideration and Possible Adoption of the Town's Strategic Energy Management Plan and Green Challenge Resolution (NC League of Municipalities)

AGENDA INFORMATION

Agenda Location: New Business
Item Number: 6A
Department: Planning and Development Services
Contact: Elizabeth Teague
Presenters: Elizabeth Teague, Chris Dobbins, Bake Garmen

BRIEF SUMMARY:

The Town has two opportunities to expand efforts to become more energy efficient. As part of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) the North Carolina State Energy Office has asked municipalities to adopt local Strategic Energy Management Plans (SEMPs) to identify initiatives and goals for energy efficiency improvements. Adopted SEMPs are required for any submittal for funding under the ARRA grant programs through the State Department of Energy. The draft SEMP was developed with assistance from Waste Reduction Partners and was provided to you last month for your review. The NC League of Municipalities has issued a challenge to local governments to become more "green" in their operations. The first step in meeting the "Level One" designation is to adopt a Resolution. Since these initiatives overlap, they are being brought before you under a single agenda item and resolution. It should be noted that in adopting the SEMP, the Town Board is adopts the policy statement:

"The Town of Black Mountain will continually improve our efficiency in the use of energy, water, and transportation systems for the betterment of our agency, our community and the natural environment. The Town will pursue initiatives and funding as directed in this Adopted Strategic Energy Management Plan (SEMP)."

MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION: Adoption of the draft Strategic Energy Management Plan (SEMP) and the Green Challenge Resolution.

FUNDING SOURCE: n/a

ATTACHMENTS: Draft Town's Strategic Energy Management Plan and Green Challenge Resolution (NC League of Municipalities)

MANAGER'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Adoption of these documents, allows staff to pursue designation through the League of Municipalities and to pursue future grant opportunities through the State Energy Office. RFP's from the SEO are expected in the next few months, and municipalities must have adopted plans in order to apply.