

TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION
Meeting Date: September 14, 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: B
Department: Planning and Development Services
Contact: Elizabeth Teague
Presenters: Elizabeth Teague,
Chris Dobbins & Bake Garmen, Waste Reduction Partners

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BRIEF SUMMARY:

At the direction of the Aldermen, staff has pursued initiatives to become more energy efficient in our operations. The Town now has two opportunities to continue and expand those efforts. 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 local initiatives and goals for energy efficiency improvements. The NC League of Municipalities has issued a challenge to local governments to become more “green” in their operations. With the help of Land-of-Sky Regional Council’s Waste Reduction Partners, staff has developed a draft Strategic Energy Management Plan and a Green Challenge Resolution for your consideration. Adoption of these will position the Town to pursue grant opportunities from ARRA funding through the state Energy Office and to achieve “Level One” designation as part of the League of Municipalities’ Green Challenge.

It should be noted that in adopting the SEMP, the Town Board is adopting 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 Strategic Energy Management Plan (SEMP).”

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

FUNDING SOURCE: ~~n/a~~ 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.

