

**RESOLUTION 17-08  
BOROUGH OF SHARPSBURG**

**COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**

*A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SHARPSBURG RECOGNIZING THE NEED  
FOR CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS AND TO BECOME A  
SUSTAINABLE PENNSYLVANIA PLATINUM CERTIFIED COMMUNITY*

WHEREAS, the Borough of Sharpsburg recognizes the threat posed by global warming and climate change to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents and businesses of Sharpsburg and the need to reduce energy costs and dependence on foreign and unsustainable energy sources; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Sharpsburg should strive to reduce pollution on its own properties and on privately owned property within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Sharpsburg's Comprehensive Plan includes environmental stewardship as an important element to protect and improve the overall quality of our environmental assets and resources (air, land, and water quality), our community's great waterway (the Allegheny River), our parks system, our open space areas and our clean neighborhood environments; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Sharpsburg recognizes that sustainable environmental practices are critical to the economic development future and long-term financial stability of Sharpsburg and that it has a responsibility to the Sharpsburg community to be an environmental steward and leader in promoting green practices to reduce energy use and costs to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, local government actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase energy efficiency provide multiple local benefits including reduced energy cost, green space preservation and brownfield redevelopment, air and water quality improvements, reduced traffic congestion, economic development, energy conservation, and job creation through new energy technologies;

and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Sharpsburg recognizes the need to voluntarily undertake climate protection actions; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Municipal League, in partnership with Sustainable Pennsylvania, has adopted a strong policy calling upon Pennsylvania communities to take action to reduce

global warming and encourage sustainability to save money, conserve resources, and encourage innovation; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Sharpsburg has a unique opportunity to provide leadership for the Allegheny River Town communities to advance environmental sustainability while promoting social equity and encouraging a vibrant economy.

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Sharpsburg, that the Borough is committed to the long-range goal of reducing its greenhouse gas emissions as follows:

Section 1. In the course of performing its municipal responsibilities and providing municipal services, the Borough of Sharpsburg will pursue the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from Borough operations and practices in the following areas:

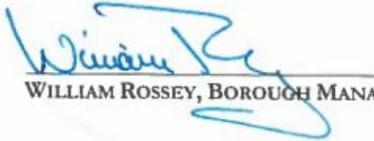
- Purchasing of goods and services
- Energy use
- Building design and construction
- Land use
- Street and public space design and construction
- Source reduction and recycling
- Air and water quality and conservation

Section 2. A comprehensive program of training and education of Borough employees and a public outreach program shall be undertaken to ensure that the policies and practices are understood, accepted, and implemented both within Borough government and by the community.

Section 3, The Borough shall undertake any and all necessary steps to become a Sustainable Pennsylvania Platinum Certified Community.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

WITNESS:

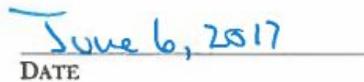
  
WILLIAM ROSSEY, BOROUGH MANAGER

BOROUGH OF SHARPSBURG:

  
KAREN PASTOR, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

  
RICHARD C. PANZA, MAYOR

  
DATE