

PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION REGARDING ENERGY CONSERVATION, SUSTAINABILITY AND GREEN BUILDING

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission and the four local government partners in planning are engaged in ongoing planning efforts to enable our communities to be sustainable for the benefit of future generations; and

WHEREAS, the future health, safety and economies of the local governments depends largely on the sustainability of the energy supply and the conservation of water and other natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Florida has recognized the important role of energy conservation in Florida and has set targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 10 percent by 2012, statewide, as well as targets for reducing state government's energy use; and has directed the development a comprehensive "Energy and Climate Change Action Plan"; and

WHEREAS, the American Planning Association has recommended policies and ways to implement sustainability practices that will meet the hierarchy of present and future human needs fairly and efficiently; and

WHEREAS, the American Institute of Architects, the Urban Land Institute, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the National Association of Homebuilders, the U.S. Green Building Council, the Florida Green Building Coalition and numerous other state and national trade and professional associations have likewise recognized the importance of engaging in sustainable development, green building and energy conservation practices; and have developed policies or guidelines to support and broaden the use of such practices; and

WHEREAS, the adoption and application of principles for energy conservation and the efficient use of water and other natural resources through such practices as green building and low impact development will assist the local government leaders of Hillsborough County, Plant City, Tampa and Temple Terrace to achieve sustainable communities; and may serve as a model for other local governments to do the same; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Planning Commission recommends to the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners, the City Commission of the City of Plant City, the Tampa City Council and the Temple Terrace City Council that they further demonstrate their commitment to sustainability by asking their respective staffs to bring recommendations to them on near-term and long-term actions that may allow them to become more energy efficient, conserve water, and encourage sustainable development and green building practices.

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