

TOWN OF CLINTON

RESOLUTION # 85-23

RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING GREEN BUILDING DESIGN

WHEREAS, buildings account for 39% of CO2 emissions – more than the transportation or industrial sectors. In addition, buildings account for nearly 12% of potable water use, 65% of waste output, and 71% of electricity consumption in the U.S. (U.S. Green Building Council); and

WHEREAS, green building (also called sustainable or high-performance building) is a collection of better design, construction, and operating practices that can potentially reduce or eliminate the negative impacts of development on the environment and human health. Many examples of green building programs and guidelines have been propagated at national, state, and municipal levels. They commonly address energy efficiency and carbon emissions reduction, water conservation, waste reduction, healthy and sustainably produced materials, indoor air quality, occupant productivity, and health, and other components; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this resolution is to enhance the public welfare and assure that commercial, residential, and civic development is consistent with the Town of Clinton's desire to create a more sustainable community by incorporating green building measures into the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton desires to set a leadership example in the area of green building by proposing energy efficiency audits and upgrades to the municipal building stock, continued procurement practices, such as improving water conservation and run-off, tree preservation, reducing light pollution, and reducing construction waste; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton wishes to support green building in the private sector through a combination of voluntary and educational actions for residents and businesses, such as making available information on green building programs, guidelines, and rebates. The Town may also consider further actions, such as discussing the inclusion of a green building scorecard within the Site Plan approval process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Clinton hereby implements a Green Building Policy that:

- 1) will consider opportunities to incorporate green building measures into the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of municipal buildings and facilities.
- 2) will encourage green design for commercial and residential buildings.



Janice Kovach, Mayor

ATTEST:



Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC
Town Clerk

DATED: April 26, 2023