

THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH  
TWO THOUSAND SEVEN  
PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

RESOLUTION #18 - 2007

**BE IT RESOLVED:** Eco-Municipality, Designation Resolution  
Adoption of Sustainable Community Development Policy

**WHEREAS**, the City of Portsmouth has adopted a Sustainability Framework in its 10-year Master Plan which includes dozens of references to sustainable practices; and

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of the four systems conditions of the Natural Step described below can provide a framework that will assist city employees, elected officials and volunteer committees and boards in moving in a more sustainable direction; and

**WHEREAS**, the willingness of the City to move in the direction of becoming an Eco-Municipality can serve as a model for others and encourage economic development along similar lines in our City and region; and,

**WHEREAS**, the following four guidelines were developed by the American Planning Association to help communities implement sustainable practices:

1. Reduce dependence upon fossil fuels, and extracted underground metals and minerals.
2. Reduce dependence on chemicals and other manufactured substances that can accumulate in nature.
3. Reduce dependence on activities that harm life-sustaining ecosystems.
4. Meet the hierarchy of present and future human needs fairly and efficiently.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that The City of Portsmouth hereby endorses the principles of sustainable community development described herein, and agrees to apply these principles whenever possible in its planning, policy making, and municipal practices.

This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.

APPROVED:

  
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STEVE MARCHAND, MAYOR

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: