



City of Hampton, Virginia

Resolution

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Resolution Endorsing the General Concept of a *Green Community Initiative* for the City of Hampton

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Hampton City Council was presented a briefing at their February 13, 2008, meeting outlining the rationale and key principles of a proposed *Green Community Initiative* for the City of Hampton; and

WHEREAS, the report and presentation were the result of work compiled by an interdepartmental committee exploring the feasibility, practicality and desirability of the City of Hampton moving forward with adoption of public policy aimed at improving our community's quality of life through enhanced environmental and community design initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Hampton Community Plan (2006, as amended) includes numerous policies, goals, and strategies directed towards protecting our unique physical setting along the Chesapeake Bay; and

WHEREAS, as a community that has drawn much of its culture and history from its location on the Chesapeake Bay, Hampton is in a unique position to explore creative approaches for a more sustainable and healthy relationship between the man-made and natural environment; and

WHEREAS, a *Green Community Initiative* would have a number of benefits for the City including improving public health, stimulating economic development, and promoting environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, through the *Green Community Initiative* the City of Hampton will adopt goals and objectives which will exceed mandated minimums and as a result move one step closer to achieving its vision of becoming the most livable city in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the *Green Community Initiative* will require partnerships with environmental agencies and groups, businesses, health organizations, the development community, academic institutions, Hampton neighborhood organizations, and many other partners; and

WHEREAS, investments made to increase efficiency in City operations and buildings can reduce operational costs and increase employee health and productivity while also reducing environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, the **Green Community Initiative** has received the endorsement of the Hampton Planning Commission, Hampton Clean City Commission, Hampton Wetlands Board, and Hampton Neighborhood Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hampton City Council endorses the general concept of pursuing formulation and adoption of a **Green Community Initiative** for the City of Hampton; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hampton City Council does direct the City Manager and staff to further refine this initiative and bring back to the City Council more specific goals, objectives, and strategies accompanied by research and analysis so that formal adoption of a **Hampton Green Community Initiative** may occur sometime in 2008.

Adopted at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia held on March 12, 2008.

Signed by _____ **Date** _____
Ross A. Kearney, II, Mayor

Attested by _____ **Date** _____
Katherine K. Glass
Clerk of the Council