RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE METROPOLITAN MAYORS CAUCUS’ GREEHEST REGION COMPACT

WHEREAS, McHenry County has a history of environmental stewardship, from energy efficiency, water conservation, land stewardship, and participation in clean air initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the McHenry County 2030 Plan adopted by the McHenry County Board on April 20, 2010, the McHenry County Green Infrastructure Plan adopted by the McHenry County Board on July 3, 2012, and the McHenry County 2030 and Beyond Plan adopted by the McHenry County Board on October 18, 2016 all recognize the importance of the protection and stewardship of our natural resources and promotes a collaborative effort in utilizing best management practices throughout and among McHenry County communities; and

WHEREAS, it is important for local governments throughout the United States to take leadership roles to advance sustainability both in their own communities and in concert with regional, national, and global initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus provides a forum for the chief elected officials of the Chicago region to develop consensus and act on common public policy issues and multi-jurisdictional challenges; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus created the Greenest Region Compact to address environmental sustainability issues of global importance at the local level; and

WHEREAS, the Greenest Region Compact synthesizes sustainability goals already adopted by leading communities in the region; and these consensus goals align with common regional, state, national and global objectives; and

WHEREAS, the Greenest Region Compact offers a companion Framework to guide communities of all sizes to assess their current efforts; develop their sustainability plan suited to local priorities, and will offer resources to help them succeed; and

WHEREAS, the consensus goals of the Greenest Region Compact will guide coordinated efforts toward enhanced quality of life for residents; protection and stewardship of the environment and sustainable economic vitality.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by this County Board of McHenry County, Illinois hereby endorses and supports the Greenest Region Compact as developed by the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and agrees to work to achieve the consensus goals, both in the County and in collaboration throughout the region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized to distribute a certified copy of this resolution to the Director of Planning and Development, the County Administrator, and the Chicago Metropolitan Mayors Caucus.

DATED at Woodstock, Illinois, this 16th day of March, A.D., 2020.
ATTEST:

Joseph J. Tirio, County Clerk

ATTACHMENTS:

- Greenest Region Compact county_ (PDF)
TO: McHenry County Board  
FROM: Dennis Sandquist  
DATE: March 16, 2020  
SUBJECT: Resolution Endorsing the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus’ Greenest Region Compact

Board / Committee Action Requested:  Adopt a resolution supporting the Greenest Region Compact.

Background and Discussion: The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus has created a compact which seeks to guide county and municipal governments in a shared goal of enhancing the quality of life for residents by balancing the responsible use and protection of our natural resources while maintaining sustainable economic vitality. Numerous municipal and county governments have signed on to the compact. Specifically, the compact has been endorsed by Kane, Lake and Will counties and the Villages of Hebron, Bull Valley, McCullom Lake, Johnsburg, Lakewood, Cary, Fox River Grove, Lake in the Hills, Algonquin, and Island Lake, as well as the City of Crystal Lake. The McHenry County Council of Governments has also adopted the Compact.

Becoming a member of the Greenest Region Compact will provide the County with access to resources which will guide sustainability efforts by utilizing the Greenest Region Compact Framework and resources available through the program. Signing on to the Compact will provide recognition to the County’s commitment to enhancing the quality of life for residents of the county through protection and stewardship of our natural resources.

The Greenest Region Compact organizes consensus goals into the following categories: Climate, Economic Development, Energy, Land, Leadership, Mobility, Township Operations, Sustainable Communities, Waste and Recycling, and Water. The county has shown commitment to efforts in each of these broad categories. Currently, the Water Resources Management Plan is being drafted by County Staff. The proposed plan ties directly to the goals of the Greenest Region Compact.

More information on the Greenest Region Compact may be found at <https://mayorscaucus.org/initiatives/environment/rec/>

Impact on Human Resources: None

Impact on Budget (Revenue; Expenses, Fringe Benefits): None

Impact on Capital Expenditures: None
**Impact on Physical Space:** None

**Impact on Other County Departments or Outside Agencies:** Numerous units of government in the region have passed resolutions to endorse and commit to the Greenest Region Compact. This is the single largest participation in such a compact within the United States.

**Conformity to Board Ordinances, Policies and Strategic Plan:**
The Greenest Region Compact is consistent with the County’s current planning goals as evidenced in the for the McHenry County 2030 Comprehensive Plan, 2030 and Beyond Plan, and Green Infrastructure Plan. These plans all establish goals for the sustainable use and stewardship of our natural resources.

**Attachments / Appendices:**
- Greenest Region Compact county_.(PDF)

**HISTORY:**
03/03/20 Planning, Environment & Development RECOMMENDED