

RESOLUTION 37-06

**Adoption of Sustainable Community Development Policy
Village of Johnson Creek, Wisconsin**

WHEREAS, in the sustainable society, nature is not subjected to systematically increasing concentrations of substances extracted from the Earth's crust, because human society mines and uses substances from below the Earth's surface that are steadily accumulating at levels far greater than their natural occurrence, are being emitted into the atmosphere, cannot break down further and have outstripped the earth's ability to restore itself, and,

WHEREAS, in the sustainable society, nature is not subject to systematically increasing concentrations of substances produced by society, because human society has been manufacturing synthetic substances faster than these materials can be broken down, and,

WHEREAS, in the sustainable society, nature is not subject to systematically increasing degradation by physical means, because human activity is breaking down natural systems –including land, water, forest, soil and ecosystems - by depletion and destruction faster than these natural systems can renew themselves, and,

WHEREAS, in the sustainable society, human needs are met worldwide, because if people around the world cannot meet their basic human needs for air, water, food, shelter, means of livelihood, mobility, equal treatment, equal access, safety, participation in decisions affecting their lives, the right to peaceful enjoyment of life, a connection with nature, and psychological and spiritual connection and meaning, then such inequality will continually undermine the goals identified above, and,

WHEREAS, by endorsing sustainable community development, the Village of Johnson Creek is joining an international network of eco-municipalities and pledging to educate itself further about sustainable activities and to develop initiatives in support of sustainable practices, and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Johnson Creek has a pledge of support through mentorship and consulting from The National Association of Swedish Eco-Municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Board of the Village of Johnson Creek hereby endorses the principles of sustainable community development, as proposed in The Natural Step Program, and agrees to apply these principles in its planning, policy making and municipal practices.

Adopted by the Village Board of Trustees this 14th day of August 2006.

Fred Albertz, Village President

ATTEST:

Joan Dykstra, Clerk-Treasurer