

SAMPLE RESOLUTION

Resolution #2016 –
Borough of Frenchtown, New Jersey
Resolution Supporting Participation in the Sustainable Jersey® Municipal Certification Program

WHEREAS, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Frenchtown (hereinafter referred to as “the Borough”) strives to save tax dollars, assure high quality land, air and water resources, and improve working and living environments as essential to ensuring our community thrives well into the new century; and

WHEREAS, the Borough hereby acknowledges that residents desire a stable, sustainable future for themselves and generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Frenchtown strives for a model of government which benefits current and future residents by exploring and adopting sustainable, economically-sound, local government practices; and

WHEREAS, by endorsing a sustainable path the Borough of Frenchtown is pledging to educate itself and community members further about policies and actions that advance sustainability, and to develop initiatives supporting sustainable local government practices; and

WHEREAS, by working in collaboration and coordination with our neighbors in Hunterdon County as they also pursue sustainability initiatives we amplify the impact of our actions and contribute to a sustainable future for the broader Delaware Valley region; and

WHEREAS, as elected representatives of the Borough of Frenchtown we acknowledge our responsibility to provide leadership to pursue community-based sustainable solutions to strengthen our community and the region: NOW
THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, that to focus attention and effort within the Borough on matters of sustainability, the Frenchtown Borough Council wishes to develop goals and pursue local initiatives, policies, and actions that will lead to Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Frenchtown Borough Council that,

1. We do hereby authorize the Frenchtown Environmental Commission to establish “Sustainable Frenchtown”, a sustainability subcommittee of the Commission,
2. Sustainable Frenchtown will work to be inclusive and collaborative

and include a diverse range of community participants including but not limited to members of the environmental commission, citizen volunteers, elected leaders, civic organizations, faith communities, business owners, and school representatives,

3. Sustainable Frenchtown will work to catalyze an understanding of what sustainability means in our community and will leverage the skills and expertise of members to develop plans, implement programs, and assist with educational opportunities that further the Borough's advancement as a sustainable community,
4. Sustainable Frenchtown will serve as the Borough's agent for the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification process and complete the Municipal Registration on behalf of the Borough,
5. Sustainable Frenchtown will be initially led and co-chaired by Environmental Commissioners Holly Low and Margaret Waldock, who will work to recruit inaugural members and affirm the mission and establish appropriate processes and guiding principles that reinforce inclusion, equity, and transparency.