

RESOLUTION 2025- 5457

RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE GREEN TIER LEGACY COMMUNITIES CHARTER.

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has created a Green Tier Charter called Legacy Communities with the following goals:

1. To assist and recognize all forms of local governments in achieving superior environmental performance and goals relating to environmental practices, economic development and social commitments;
 2. To improve the quality of life and economic vitality of communities;
 3. To help local governments and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources address wastewater, stormwater, drinking water, wetlands and other water issues in a holistic, watershed-based manner;
 4. To assist local governments in preparing and implementing a sustainability plan to reduce their impact on the environment while still being fiscally responsible and serving their residents;
 5. To facilitate access to state and federal funding for projects and activities related to achieving the purposes of this charter, such as energy efficiency, renewable energy, greenhouse gas reductions, comprehensive planning, transportation policies, and integrated planning for wastewater treatment, storm water treatment and management, and drinking water;
 6. To realize taxpayer savings through reduced municipal expenditures resulting from efficient development patterns;
 7. To help local governments comply with environmental regulations in a more efficient, cost effective and flexible manner;
 8. To achieve other demonstrable and measurable environmental improvements beyond what is required by local, state, or federal law;
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WHEREAS, the City of Kaukauna chooses to join in this voluntary program and believes that participation will further enhance our current commitments to sustainability, and

WHEREAS, the City of Kaukauna will benefit from such a partnership with Green Tier Legacy Communities by receiving positive recognition, gaining access to a

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources staff liaison and their resource team, receiving preference on certain grants, streamlining certain Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources transactions, and gaining access to all Legacy Communities' annual scoresheet data, and

WHEREAS, by adopting this resolution, the City of Kaukauna agrees to sign and hold to the Green Tier Charter for Legacy Communities. The City, through its subsidiary, Kaukauna Utilities will participate in the quarterly meetings, network and share information with our public and the communities in the program, develop a baseline assessment of practices, and provide an annual report noting the progress on our goals, and sustainability plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Common Council of the City of Kaukauna declares itself a signatory to the Green Tier Charter for Legacy Communities and authorizes the City Mayor, Kaukauna Utilities General Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the City of Kaukauna, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that City of Kaukauna and Kaukauna Utilities staff are directed to assist with meeting the Charter goals and to submit an annual report to the Organizational Signatories, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon adoption, the City Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Green Tier Legacy Communities Program Coordinator.

Adopted by the Common Council of the City of Kaukauna, Wisconsin, on this 21st day of January, 2025.

APPROVED:

Anthony J. Penterman, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Kayla Nessmann, City Clerk