



# Lake County Illinois

## Legislation Text

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Resolution accepting a sustainable building and development best practices report and directing the Planning, Building and Development Department to disseminate the report to municipal and other key stakeholders.

- A goal of the County's Strategic Plan is to "promote a sustainable environment".
- Pursuant to this goal, the Planning, Building and Development Department sought funding to assist in surveying regionally-relevant sustainable best practices that promote a sustainable environment.
- The County subsequently applied for and received an energy efficiency community block grant from the US Department of Energy to fund consulting services for a sustainable best practices study.
- On April 13, 2010, the County Board adopted a joint resolution to enter into a contract with The Lakota Group to conduct the study and prepare a report.
- After conducting research and facilitating a series of meetings with municipal representatives, the Regional Planning Commission, and private sector stakeholders, the consultant prepared a sustainable best practices report.
- The report provides background to the Department's upcoming initiative to facilitate sustainability amendments to the Lake County Regional Framework Plan, which will ultimately lead to the introduction of new ordinances and programs that promote and incent sustainable building and development in Lake County.

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Strategic Plan identifies the goal to "Promote a Sustainable Environment" and further calls to "preserve the health of our natural resources and our drinking water through the widespread use of sustainable and environmental management practices"; and

**WHEREAS**, the County subsequently applied for and received funding from the US Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant program to retain consulting services for a sustainable building and development best practices study in order to promote a sustainable environment;

**WHEREAS**, on April 13, 2010, this County Board adopted a joint resolution authorizing the Purchasing Agent to enter into a contract with The Lakota Group, Chicago, IL ("the consultant") for consulting and design services for the development of a sustainable building and development best practices report for Lake County; and

**WHEREAS**, the consultant conducted research and convened several meetings with county and municipal representatives, the Regional Planning Commission, and with environmental, developer, and property management stakeholders in order to develop a regionally-relevant sustainable building and development best practices report for Lake County; and

**WHEREAS**, this report will provide the necessary background to initiate sustainability amendments to the Regional Framework Plan, which will ultimately lead to the introduction of new ordinances and programs that promote and incent a sustainable environment in Lake County; and

**WHEREAS**, your Planning, Building and Zoning Committee has duly reviewed the Promoting Sustainable Building and Development Practices in Lake County report and recommends by a vote of \_ to \_ that the report be accepted and disseminated by the Planning, Building and Development Department to Lake County municipalities and other key stakeholders.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Lake County Board that the Promoting Sustainable Building and Development Practices in Lake County report in Exhibit A, attached hereto and hereby made a part of this Resolution, be hereby accepted; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Planning, Building and Development Department be directed to disseminate the report to Lake County municipalities and other key stakeholders; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk of the County Board shall keep a record of this action.

**DATED** at Waukegan, Illinois, on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011.