

Memorandum



To: City Council Planning & Economic Development Committee Members
 From: Amber Weaver, Sustainability Officer
 Subject: Resolution 13-228 Supporting Clean Energy Economy
 Date: September 15, 2015

On October 23, 2013 Asheville City Council adopted the Resolution 13-228 Supporting Clean Energy Economy which includes the following six action items:

1. Support a local clean energy future for the City and the region;
2. Call on Duke Energy Progress to partner with the City to help meet its carbon reduction goals by decreasing reliance on fossil fuels including transitioning from coal to electricity provided by clean, renewable energy sources while continuing to meet the company's obligation to provide affordable and reliable electricity to all customers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week;
3. Call on Duke Energy to continue and expand its investments in and programs supporting renewable energy, energy efficiency and energy conservation;
4. Call on Duke Energy to stop the spread of coal ash pollution and remediate existing coal ash pollution;
5. Develop a Clean Energy Partnership Progress Report that documents the achievements of this new partnership with Duke Energy, and;
6. Seek input from a variety of stakeholders when identifying collaboration opportunities for this partnership, which was adopted as an amendment to the Resolution as it was presented (this was added as an amendment to the resolution by Mayor Terry Bellamy as reflected in the meeting minutes).

After the Resolution was adopted, SACEE formed a Clean Energy Task Force and invited stakeholders to participate in a community input process. Two sessions were held in August and September 2014, and a final session in July 2015. During the first input session participants were asked to brainstorm action items on what a community clean energy plan would address; including areas of focus in policy, programming, education outreach and projects. Participants were able to prioritize action items through a survey and results were vetted during the second session. The final session in July 2015, the participants were give the framework in which the prioritized action items were developed into the Community Clean Energy Plan.

The Community Clean Energy Plan is a guide for ongoing policy decisions and City staff workplans; consistent with City Council's Resolution to Support a Clean Energy Economy. Adoption of the Community Clean Energy Plan will guide City staff's work and upcoming planning processes, including updating the City's Comprehensive Plan. A near term action item included in the Community Clean Energy Plan is to launch a collaborative partnership with Duke Energy Progress to build a foundation for a longer term community energy efficiency, clean renewable energy sources; decreasing the City's reliance on fossil fuels.

Based on the Resolution adopted by City Council, City staff evaluated the resources necessary to implement the Community Clean Energy Plan and are asking Council to consider prioritizing a part time hourly position using FY2016 funds from the Green CIP budget. A part time hourly position will be used to help implement the short term goals of the plan that have a timeline of 12 -18 months for implementation. Long term goals within the plan will be incorporated into the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Temporary/Seasonal \$16.00/hr.	12 Months		18 Months	
	Salary	\$16,640	Salary	\$24,960
FICA	\$1,273	FICA	\$1,910	
Total	\$17,913	Total	\$26,870	

Presently, the Sustainability Office oversees the following Resolutions that include Goals, Benchmarking and/or Action Plans:

1. Resolution 11-77, 4% Municipal Carbon Reductions,
2. Resolution 13-17, Food Policy Action Plan,
3. Resolution 13-228, Supporting Clean Energy Economy, and
4. Resolution 14-27, Waste Reduction Goal & Benchmarks

The impact of a temporary/seasonal position will allow the Sustainability Office to address the twenty (20) short term measures within the Community Clean Energy Plan while continuing to oversee the aforementioned resolutions that fall under the Sustainability Office's purview. The part time temporary/seasonal employee will focus on programming, projects and environmental outreach that have been outlined in the Community Clean Energy Plan.

The following table outlines areas impacted within the sustainability arena.

Economic Value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Downtown Decorative LED Street Lighting • Renewable Energy Installations • Innovation District Energy Incentives
Environmental Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asheville Green Business Program • Building Automation Throughout City Facilities • Explore PACE Implementation
Social Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duke Energy Modernization Plan • Duke Partnership • Better Buildings Challenge • Trainings to Staff and Contractors, Developers & Installers

City staff is seeking the City Council's Planning and Economic Development committee's feedback of the Community Clean Energy Plan that will guide staff's next steps over the ensuing 12 -18 months to achieve City Council's policy goals.