

**EAST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION NO. 2021-11**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP SUPPORTING A RENEWABLE ENERGY FUTURE BY 2050

WHEREAS, East Fallowfield Township strives to support the highest quality of life for our residents by; being accessible, accountable, responsive, and respectful to all; Providing essential services with fiscal soundness; Promoting good stewardship of Township's scenic, natural and historic resources; and promoting vital social and physical connections between our residents and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code Act of 1968 as amended, Article I, Section 105 reads in part, to promote the conservation of energy through the use of planning practices and to promote the effective utilization of renewable energy sources; and

WHEREAS, the Countywide Comprehensive Plan, Landscapes 3, adopted on November 29,2018, has a specific goal to support a resilient and clean energy network, including renewable energy sources and reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the best strategy for achieving a cost effective, even cost saving, energy source transition is through collaboration with other Chester County energy leaders and participating in aggregated procurement contracts such as Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) for regional renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, a renewable energy initiative can produce energy cost savings for residents and local businesses while stimulating new economic activity and creating local jobs; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris resulted in a consensus among all 195 countries to limit the increase in global average temperature to well below 2° C, ensure that greenhouse gas emissions will not exceed sinks (total carbon capture) by the second half of this century, and become carbon neutral between 2050 and 2100; and

WHEREAS, the internationally agreed upon goals can be met based upon existing and new national, state and local initiatives; and our actions will contribute to a critical mass of local climate initiatives that can collectively reduce climate disruption and help minimize the impact of extreme weather on our communities; and

WHEREAS, East Fallowfield township commends other municipalities for demonstrating leadership in Chester County by setting goals for the transition to renewable energy in their communities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the East Fallowfield Township Board of Supervisors will:


1. Join with other municipalities in the movement to transition to 100% clean and renewable energy with the specific desire to transition to 100% clean renewable electricity by 2035 and 100% renewable energy for heat and transportation by 2050 Township wide; and
2. Provide support for commissioning a committee and/or consultant, within three (3) months, with the goal of drafting an energy transition plan for achieving these goals, to include interim

- milestones, financial impacts, equity metrics, potential financing mechanisms, and percentage to clean energy that is locally produced within one (1) year; and
3. Define clean renewable energy as carbon-free and pollution-free energy generated sustainably from renewable sources such as wind, solar, small hydro, fuel cells and geothermal; and
 4. Prioritize locally produced and distributed energy whenever feasible for the many advantages it provides to the community; and
 5. Encourage participation from East Fallowfield Township stakeholders in the planning and implementation process;
 6. Investigate cooperative energy purchasing opportunities;
 7. Call on the State of Pennsylvania to set a goal to use 100% renewable energy for all purposes no later than 2050;
 8. Call on the State of Pennsylvania to adopt codes and standards to increase the efficiency of buildings and appliances;
 9. Call on the State of Pennsylvania to increase the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standard to levels that put us on track to meet 100% renewable energy goals; and


NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the East Fallowfield Township Board of Supervisors acknowledges that this resolution does not financially obligate the Township in any way.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of March, 2021

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
EAST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP**



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Attest:



Township Manager/Secretary