

**Town of Liberty Grove  
Resolution 3-22**

**Participation in the Green Tier Legacy Community Program**

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in partnership with the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, Wisconsin Counties Association, 1,000 Friends of Wisconsin, Slipstream, Center on Wisconsin Strategy and numerous cities, towns, villages and counties have created a Green Tier Charter called Legacy Communities with goals of:

1. To assist and recognize the Town of Liberty Grove in achieving superior environmental performance in their sustainability effort 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 the Town of Liberty Grove 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 the Town of Liberty Grove in preparing, implementing, and improving an overall watershed plan(s) that integrates the full range of water resources issues;
5. To assist the Town of Liberty Grove in preparing, implementing and improving over time a sustainability plan that reduces the impact on the environment;
6. 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;
7. To realize Town taxpayer savings through reduced municipal expenditures on motor vehicles fuels and energy resulting from efficient development patterns;
8. To help the Town of Liberty Grove comply with various water regulations in a more efficient, cost effective and flexible manner;
9. To achieve other demonstrable and measurable environmental improvements beyond what is required by local, State, or Federal law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Liberty Grove chooses to join in this voluntary program and believes participation will further enhance our Town's current commitments to sustainability; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Liberty Grove will benefit from such a partnership with the Green Tier Legacy Communities by receiving positive recognition, gaining access to a DNR staff liaison and their resource team, receiving preference on certain grants and streamlining in certain DNR transactions; and

**WHEREAS**, by adopting this resolution the Town of Liberty Grove agrees to sign and hold to the Green Tier Charter for Legacy Communities. We 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** that the Town Board of the of Liberty Grove declares itself a signatory to the Green Tier Charter for Legacy Communities and authorizes the

Town Chairman, Town Administrator and Town Clerk to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the Town Board; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town of Liberty Grove 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 Town Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Wisconsin DNR Green Tier Program.

This resolution was adopted at a properly noticed regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Liberty Grove on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2022.

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John Lowry, Chairman

*I, Anastasia P. Bell, Clerk/Treasurer of the Town of Liberty Grove, hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of a resolution which was passed at a properly noticed meeting of the Liberty Grove Town Board on June 1, 2022.*

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Anastasia P. Bell, Clerk/Treasurer