

OFFICIAL
TOWN OF McCANDLESS
RESOLUTION No. 10 OF 2019

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A DEFINITION AND STATEMENT OF INTENT REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF SUSTAINABILITY PRINCIPLES TO THE TOWN OF MCCANDLESS

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of McCandless finds that:

- A. The Town Council desires to adopt a resolution that includes a definition for the term "sustainable" and outlines further actions that the Town might take to incorporate sustainability principles in local government activities.
- B. Issues related to community sustainability cut across jurisdictional borders and political boundaries. The application of measures to ensure a sustainable future requires intergovernmental cooperation and support from private sector business entities, community and neighborhood organizations, non-governmental organizations, and educational institutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MCCANDLESS, a Home Rule Charter Municipality of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as follows:

Section 1. Based on the above findings, we, the elected officials of the Town of McCandless agree to uphold the Sustainability Principles outlined in Section 2. The Town of McCandless is committed to promoting a sustainable future that meets today's needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs, and accepts its responsibility to:

- Support a stable, diverse and equitable economy
- Protect the quality of the air, water, land and other natural resources
- Conserve native vegetation, fish, wildlife habitat and other ecosystems
- Minimize human impacts on local, regional and worldwide ecosystems

Section 2. Sustainability Principles: Town Council and Town staff will uphold the following principles in carrying out their duties:

1. *The concept of sustainability guides Town policy and actions.* The Town of McCandless is committed to meeting its current needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. The Town will ensure that each of its policy decisions and programs are interconnected through the common bond of sustainability as expressed in these principles. The cumulative and long-term impacts of policy choices will be considered as we work to ensure a sustainable legacy.

2. *The Town will lead by example.* The Town of McCandless has an opportunity and responsibility to set an example for other organizations by operating its facilities and services in a sustainable manner. The Town is committed to assessing its current practices and programs with respect to their conformance with sustainability objectives. The Town is further committed to developing strategies for implementing sustainable practices that address purchasing of products and services, maintenance, facility design, and municipal operations.

3. ***The quality of the environment and the health of the economy are interdependent.*** A healthy environment is integral to the long-term economic interests of the Town. The Town is committed to protecting and restoring the natural environment as growth management and economic development decisions are made. The Town is also committed to ecological decision-making where-in environmental criteria are integrated into municipal decision-making processes. As we protect the health of the environment and provide for expansion of the economy, we must also ensure that inequitable burdens are not placed on any one geographic or socioeconomic sector of the population.

4. ***Community awareness and education are fundamentally important to successful implementation of sustainability policies and programs.*** Every member of the community has some impact on the environment. Individuals, businesses, governments, and community-based groups must be encouraged to take responsibility for actions that harm the environment. The Town will assume a leadership role in creating, sponsoring, and promoting sustainability awareness and education within the community. The Town will focus on solutions and will facilitate citizen participation in developing those solutions.

5. ***Local actions have regional, national and global implications.*** McCandless does not exist in isolation; it is part of a larger community of interests. Similarly, local issues cannot be separated from their broader context. The Town will recognize the relationship between local, regional, national and global issues in its policy and program development. The Town will also assume a leadership role in developing model environmental programs and innovative approaches to economic development that reflect this linkage to the regional, national and global communities.

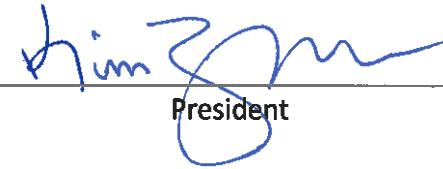
Motion made by Council member Powers, seconded by Council member Mertz, and this resolution is adopted this **20th day of May, 2019**.

ATTEST:

TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF McCANDLESS



Secretary



President