

BY COUNCILOR KEENAN:

WHEREAS, the city's environmental advisory commission has recommended that the city council adopt certain principles which would guide its decisions on matters which affect the environment; and

WHEREAS, the city council has reviewed these principles and agrees that they provide a good framework for council decisions on matters affecting the environment; and

WHEREAS, the city council has determined the definition of sustainable development is meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the city council hereby approves the following principles for future council decisions on matters affecting the environment:

(a) Encourage and develop connections between environmental quality and economic vitality. Encourage development that reduces adverse effects on ecology and the natural resource capital base and supports employment opportunities for our citizens;

(b) Identify, emphasize and maintain landscape characteristics that provide a sense of place for the community and region;

(c) Include long term and cumulative impacts in decision making and work to protect the diverse natural settings and diversity of Duluth for future generations;

(d) Ensure environmental quality and understand environmental linkages when decisions are made regarding growth management, sustainable land use, transportation, energy, water, affordable housing, indoor and outdoor air quality and economic development;

(e) Use resources efficiently and reduce demand for natural resources like energy, land and water, rather than expanding supply;

(f) Prevent pollution through planned, proactive measures rather than only corrective action. Enlist the community to focus on solutions rather than symptoms;

(g) Act locally to reduce adverse global impacts of rapid growth of population and consumption, such as ozone depletion and global warming and support and implement innovative programs that maintain and promote Duluth's leadership as a sustainable city;

(h) Foster stewardship through educational efforts of citizens and businesses that promote greater understanding of the ecosystem, the problems and opportunities facing it and policies and programs designed to improve, protect and manage it. Facilitate citizen participation in city policy decisions and encourage everyone to take responsibility for their actions that otherwise adversely impact the environment.

Resolution 98-0480 was unanimously adopted.

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GARY L. DOTY, Mayor