

Sustainable Development Resolution
Austin (city),
Texas

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS sustainability means satisfying our present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs; and

WHEREAS sustainable or "green" building practices conserve energy, water and other natural resources, preserve local and global environmental quality, strengthen the local economy, promote human health and safety, create higher quality enduring structures, and offer cost reductions in maintenance, solid waste disposal and energy; and

WHEREAS the citizens and the government of Austin have continually demonstrated commitment to the preservation of our natural resources and to quality of life; and

WHEREAS the existing internationally recognized Austin Green Builder Program for residential building has been well received by the public and the building community;

THEREFORE, by it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin that City staff develop guidelines for sustainable building practices within 6 (six) months of approval of this resolution. The Environmental and Conservation Services Department, in conjunction with the Public Works Department, shall be charged with overseeing the development and application of the guidelines to all municipal facilities and with providing necessary training and guidance for affected staff and consultants.

Be it further resolved that the City shall encourage voluntary compliance with its sustainable building guidelines in the private sector through educational and promotional endeavors, with the ultimate goal being that of making Austin a model "Sustainable City".

Be it further resolved that the City Council expresses its support for using green builder projects to provide opportunities for youth through apprenticeship programs such as the Casa Verde Program sponsored by the American Institute for Learning with the assistance of the Environmental and Conservation Services Department.

The City Manager shall monitor compliance with the Resolution and shall annually report to the City Council, with the first report being given not later than February 25, 1995.

February 24, 1994