RESOLUTION NO. 07-014

TO ESTABLISH THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY GREEN BUILDING WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP AN ACTION PLAN TO ADOPT A GREEN BUILDING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the County Executive and County Council share a commitment to energy efficient development and promoting a healthier environment for the residents of New Castle County; and

WHEREAS, green or sustainable building is the practice of designing and constructing high performance buildings that efficiently utilize water, energy and building materials and reduce the impact on the environment and human health through improved site location, operation, and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, green building practices date back as far as the nineteenth century when the use of rook ventilators and underground chambers were used to control indoor air temperatures; and

WHEREAS, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) is a system for designing, constructing, operating and certifying green buildings; and

WHEREAS, the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) is a national nonprofit organization that produces the LEED Green Building Rating Systems; and

WHEREAS, jurisdictions that have implemented a Green Building Program in conjunction with the USGBC and LEED rating system have benefited from reduced operating and waste management costs, reduction in air and water pollution, and an improved overall quality of life for their constituents; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive and County Council wish to establish the New Castle County Green Building Working Group to produce an action plan to adopt a Green Building Program based upon the LEED rating system and research initiatives for New Castle County government; and

WHEREAS, the Green Building Working Group shall consist of representatives from the relevant County Departments, County Council, and community members.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

Section 1. The County Executive and the County Council of New Castle County hereby establish the Green Building Working Group with the County Executive.

Section 2. The Green Building Working Group shall produce an action plan to adopt a Green Building Program based upon the LEED rating system and research initiatives for New Castle County government.

Section 3. This resolution will become effective immediately upon passage by County Council.

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution establishes Green Building Working Group to produce an action plan to adopt a Green Building Program based upon the LEED rating system.

FISCAL NOTE: