



Leaders at the Core of Better Communities

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES COMMITMENT

In October 2007, the general membership of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) adopted a Resolution on Sustainability. Among the principles contained within that resolution is an affirmation that the promotion of Sustainable Communities is consistent with ICMA's Declaration of Ideals; specifically, that ICMA members embrace the following ideals of management excellence:

- Seek balance in the policy formation process through the integration of the social, cultural, and physical characteristics of the community; and,
- Promote a balance between the needs to use and to preserve human, economic and natural resources.

In recognition of ICMA's commitment to Sustainability as the "Issue of Our Age," I, as a member of ICMA, having dedicated myself to the faithful stewardship of the public trust, hereby affirm my commitment to building sustainable communities and pledge to:

- Work with the elected officials and members of my community to incorporate sustainable principles and practices into all functions and operations of local government in a fiscally responsible manner;
- Champion and facilitate decisions in my community that balance the needs of current residents with the needs of future generations;
- Balance the often-competing values within my community to develop solutions and practices that are truly holistic and comprehensive;
- Review the operations of our local governments to maximize efficiency, effectiveness, and relevance, and to encourage the maximum use of sustainable practices such as energy conservation; use of fuel efficient or alternative fuel cars for local government business; promotion of the principles of balanced growth, good urban design, and safe and livable communities; advocacy for quality education; increasing the use of renewable energy to meet local government energy needs; investment in critical infrastructure; and, ensuring sound financial management;

- Urge all levels of government to adopt practices that foster sustainable communities;
- Work with the businesses, residents and non-profit groups in my community to create a community-wide commitment to the ethos and practice of sustainability;
- Work with my neighboring jurisdictions to build sustainable communities at the regional level;
- Share information about successful practices in my community through programs of information dissemination and professional development spearheaded by ICMA.
- Inform elected officials, staff, and community members about sustainable practices for my local government and everyday life.

Signed this _____ day of _____, _____.

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