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**RESOLUTION NO. 02 - 119**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY**  
**COMMISSIONERS OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

CLERK OF COUNTY COURT  
SARASOTA COUNTY, FL

A Resolution of The Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County, Florida which demonstrates a significant commitment on the part of Sarasota County Government (herein referred to as the "COUNTY"), to establish and implement policies, guidelines, goals and strategic actions to promote sustainability.

Whereas, Sustainability means satisfying our present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs; and

Whereas, the COUNTY is committed to lead by demonstrating sustainable stewardship that will yield cost savings to taxpayers by reducing COUNTY operating costs, providing healthy work environments for COUNTY staff and visitors, protecting, conserving and enhancing the COUNTY'S resources, and establishing community standards of sustainable living practices; and

Whereas, the COUNTY is committed to designing, constructing, and operating COUNTY facilities to minimize environmental impacts by incorporating the use of resource and energy efficient materials, renewable resources, alternative energy sources, water conservation, waste reduction, pollution prevention; and

Whereas, environmentally preferred products are generally produced and disposed of in ways that have less negative impact on human health and the environment because they consume fewer natural resources and less energy, generate less waste, and release fewer pollutants; and

Whereas, the COUNTY approved the establishment of a recycled content materials procurement policy, and the implementation of various waste reduction techniques and recycling measures; and

Whereas, on May 19, 1998, the COUNTY joined the United States Department of Energy's Rebuild America program, establishing the Rebuild Sarasota County partnership; and

Whereas, this Resolution will establish the COUNTY as a leader in Florida in setting policies, guidelines, goals and strategic actions that will result in:

- a more sustainable community
- the use of renewable resources
- energy, water and cost savings through the construction, operation and maintenance of high performance buildings and landscapes
- the procurement of environmentally preferred products, materials and services
- increased recycling and materials reuse
- historical preservation
- waste reduction at the source

- healthier and more productive work environments
- less local and global adverse environmental impacts
- reduced County liability
- minimized future disposal infrastructure needs
- adoption of Environmental Landscape Management (ELM) practices

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA, in public meeting assembled:**

That the County Administrator may direct COUNTY staff to develop policies, guidelines, and strategic actions for sustainable building practices for COUNTY facilities. The County Administrator may charge COUNTY staff with overseeing the development and application of the guidelines to all facilities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That the County Administrator may direct COUNTY staff to develop policies, guidelines, and strategic actions for Environmentally Preferred Procurement (EPP) practices for the COUNTY Government, and that the County Administrator may direct COUNTY staff to oversee the development and application of the guidelines COUNTY wide; and

That the County Administrator may direct COUNTY staff to provide on-going training and education opportunities for affected staff to further sustainable stewardship, and that the County Administrator may direct COUNTY staff to develop, promote, and implement sustainable stewardship education programs within the community, and establish marketing partnerships to advance these principles; and

That the COUNTY shall be guided by established energy efficiency standards providing for an integrated whole building design approach to ensure the best processes are implemented through every phase of design, construction and renovation so that buildings realize substantial economic and environmental benefits through their entire life cycle; and

That for the COUNTY to achieve these initiatives, the County Administrator may direct COUNTY staff to explore the feasibility of an Office of Sustainability, its structure, potential funding sources and partners, future benefits, roles, responsibility, and related dynamics and present its recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA, the  
7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2002, A.D.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Nora Patterson  
Chairman

Attest:

Karen E. Rushing, Clerk of Circuit  
County and Ex-Officio Clerk to the  
Board of County Commissioners,  
Sarasota County, Florida

By: Paula J. Clinton  
Deputy Clerk