

A suggested common resolution to be considered by Chester County municipalities in early 2018.

A Vision For A 100% Clean Renewable Energy Future

WHEREAS: Global warming (climate change) is a long-term threat to survival;

WHEREAS: Violent weather associated with the use of fossil fuels poses immediate risks;

WHEREAS: Climate change impacts will test our infrastructure, emergency and social services; impact our access to food, water and energy supplies; and heighten disruption of services, commerce and quality of life;

WHEREAS: [reference to any previous carbon emission reduction or renewable energy initiatives the municipality has made in the past]

WHEREAS: The [Township/Borough/City of ____] is committed to being a community characterized by health, safety, livability, prosperity and equity;

WHEREAS: The best strategy for achieving a cost effective, even cost saving, energy source transition is through collaboration with other Chester County energy leaders and participating in aggregated procurement contracts - Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) for regional wind and solar energy;

WHEREAS: A renewable energy initiative can produce energy cost savings for residents and local businesses while stimulating new economic activity and local jobs while providing life-protecting benefits for everyone;

Be it RESOLVED that:

- [____ Township/Borough/City] will join other leading towns and cities in the national movement, including to transition to 100% clean and renewable energy community-wide, and complete this transition for 100% clean renewable electricity by 2035 and 100% renewable energy for heat and transportation by 2050;
- The [TBD] Committee will provide guidance for commissioning a committee and/or contractor to draft an energy transition plan for achieving these goals by April 22, 2019 [Earth Day], to include interim milestones, financial impacts, equity metrics, potential financing mechanisms and percentage of clean energy that is locally produced;
- The clean renewable energy will be defined as carbon-free and pollution-free energy generated sustainably from renewable sources such as wind, solar, small hydro, tidal, fuel cells and geothermal;

- Locally produced and distributed energy is prioritized whenever feasible for the many advantages it provides to the community;
- All [<municipality name>] stakeholders will have the opportunity and will be encouraged to participate in the planning and implementation process;

[the lines below were not in the resolutions passed by previous municipalities in Chester County. A new resolution for April is requested with these lines, or similar.]

- The [<muni name> council/supervisors] call on the State of Pennsylvania to set a goal to use 100% renewable energy no later than 2050;
- The [<muni name> council/supervisors] call on the State of Pennsylvania to adopt codes and standards to increase the efficiency of buildings and appliances;
- The [<muni name> council/supervisors] call on the State of Pennsylvania to increase the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standard to levels that put us on track to meet 100% renewable energy goals;
- ~~The allocation of \$5,000¹ annually for 3 years is hereby approved for the use of funding a collective energy planner or advocate for Chester County municipalities, residents, businesses and institutions;~~
- We commend the municipalities of Phoenixville, West Chester and Downingtown² for being leaders in Chester County and setting goals for the transition to renewable energy in their communities.

¹ More or less depending on the resources available from your township. The goal is to get about \$100,000 in committed funds for 3 years to fund a full time advocate that would bargain for renewable energy contracts (PPAs) on behalf of large institutions, corporate facilities, municipal facilities, etc. in Chester County.

² Whatever the list is of Chester County adopters at the time of this resolution.