

# City of Wauwatosa

## Energy Committee Recommendations - 2011

October 13, 2010

### Introduction

This document represents actions that the Energy Committee recommends to the Common Council of Wauwatosa for the year 2011. The objectives of the recommendations are to save taxpayer money, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and assist the City of Wauwatosa in becoming a more sustainable community. The Common Council, after considering political, fiscal, and other factors, may choose to implement these recommendations through policy, budgeting, or administrative changes to City government.

The Wauwatosa Energy Committee intends to update these recommendations annually for review by the City. The Energy Committee appreciates the opportunity to make these recommendations and is available to answer any questions you may have.

### Recommendations

#### City

1. **Energy Goals** - Set a goal for year-over-year energy use reduction of all city assets. Measure the energy use and recognize employees for participation and success. An obtainable goal for 2011 is an energy use reduction of 3%.
2. **Energy Efficiency Certification** - Perform an Energy Star baseline analysis on applicable City facilities. Make plans to assess the potential to meet Energy Star standards for each facility, and bring these facilities up to Energy Star standards in the coming years. Make all new City facilities LEED certifiable.
3. **Greenhouse Gas Inventory** - Conduct a baseline greenhouse gas emissions inventory for City operations. Create an action plan to reduce emissions. Publish all data in format easily accessible to citizens.
4. **Energy Manager** - Establish an energy manager position to recommend and implement energy saving and sustainability strategies. The position could be half to full time, part of another job duty, or an internship. It is not unreasonable for such a position to save more money than it costs by the second year.

#### Community

5. **Walkability and Bikeability** - Improve and expand walking and biking rights-of-way, as noted in City of Wauwatosa Comprehensive Plan 2008-2030 adopted December 16, 2008.
6. **Private Energy Efficiency Development** - Encourage developers to construct energy-efficient buildings through recommendations by the Department of City Development. On new or upgraded buildings/additions to existing buildings, encourage the developer to meet current sustainability and energy efficiency standards such as recommended by ASHRAE, LEED, or the International Green Construction Code (IGCC).
7. **Community Outreach** - Expand community outreach on energy issues. Continue the development of a home-based energy efficiency program for city residents. Establish an Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Reference Center at the Wauwatosa Library to give residents a single source of information on techniques, materials, suppliers and available rebates. Be supportive of Wauwatosa Schools' efforts to increase energy education within the curriculum and support student-centered projects outside the classroom.