



**CITY OF ARDEN HILLS  
COUNTY OF RAMSEY  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION No. 2016-015**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ARDEN HILLS TO  
PARTICIPATE IN THE MINNESOTA GREENSTEP CITIES PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota GreenStep Cities Program aims to provide Minnesota cities a pathway to greater sustainability upon implementing best practices; and

**WHEREAS**, GreenStep is a free, continuous improvement program, managed by a public-private partnership, and based upon 28 best practices; each best practice can be implemented by completing one or more actions. Steps taken toward sustainable solutions aim to improve community quality of life, building community capital and increasing government efficiency, accountability and transparency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota GreenStep Cities Program assists in facilitating technical assistance for the implementation of these sustainable development best practices; and

**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota GreenStep Cities Program provides cost-effective sustainable development best practices in the following five categories: (1) Buildings and Lighting; (2) Transportation; (3) Land Use; (4) Environmental Management; and (5) Economic and Community Development; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council does hereby authorize the City of Arden Hills (City) to participate in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities Program that offers a free, voluntary continuous improvement framework. Passage of this participation resolution allows the City to be recognized as a Step One GreenStep City. Be it further resolved that the City:

1. Appoints Sara Grant, Parks and Recreation Coordinator, to serve as the City's GreenStep Coordinator for best practice documentation/implementation and;

2. will facilitate the involvement of community members and other units of government as appropriate in the planning, promoting and/or implementing of GreenStep Cities best practices.

3. Grants to the GreenStep program's buildings advisor read-only access to the City's B3 Benchmarking Database so as to facilitate analysis and cost-savings advice to the City regarding its buildings' energy use; and

4. The City of Arden Hills will work at its own pace toward implementing GreenStep Cities best practices that would result in energy use reduction, economic savings, quality of life improvement, reduction in the City's greenhouse gas footprint, and recognition by the League of Minnesota Cities. An on-going summary of the City's implementation of best practices will be posted by the City on the Minnesota GreenStep Cities web site.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Arden Hills, Minnesota, this 25th day of April, 2016.

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David Grant, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Amy Dietl, City Clerk