



**VILLAGE OF DOBBS FERRY**  
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**RESOLUTION 26-2013**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DOBBS FERRY, NEW YORK TO ESTABLISH GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION TARGETS FOR THE VILLAGE OF DOBBS FERRY**

**WHEREAS**, actions taken by local governments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase energy efficiency provide multiple local benefits by improving air quality and public health, reducing energy expenditures, and saving money for the local government, its businesses, and its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, local governments greatly influence the community's energy usage through their actions concerning land use, transportation, construction, waste management, energy supply, and energy management; and

**WHEREAS**, increased temperatures due to higher greenhouse gas levels in the atmosphere threaten to:

- 1) adversely impact water quality and supply;
- 2) exacerbate air quality problems;
- 3) adversely impact human health by increasing heat stress and related deaths;
- 4) increase the incidence of infectious disease, the risk of asthma, respiratory and other health problems; and

**WHEREAS**, New York has taken a leadership role in climate protection by:

- 1) Establishing a State Energy Planning Board and authorizing the creating and implementation of a State Energy Plan;
- 2) Establishing a State Green Procurement and Agency Sustainability Program;
- 3) Creation of the Governor's Smart Growth Cabinet;
- 4) Adoption of goals and practices for energy efficiency and green building technology in State buildings, and for the use of biofuels in State vehicles and buildings;
- 5) Creation of the New York State Office of Climate Change in the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation;
- 6) Participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, a ten-state cooperative effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from electric power plants by means of a cap and trade system;
- 7) Creation of an Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard, which is intended to reduce the State's electricity consumption by 15 percent below projected levels by 2015, complementing the State's System Benefit Charge and Renewable Portfolio Standard;
- 8) The formation of a Renewable Energy Task Force and a Sea Level Rise Task Force;

- 9) Collaboration with other northeastern and mid-Atlantic states on the development of a regional low carbon fuel standard;
- 10) Establishment of a “ 45 x 15” Initiative, which set a goal to meet 45% of New York’s electricity needs through improved energy efficiency and clean renewable energy by 2015;
- 11) Adoption of regulations establishing greenhouse gas exhaust emission standards for motor vehicles;
- 12) Enactment of legislation requiring new motor vehicles to bear labels disclosing information to consumers about vehicle greenhouse gas emissions;
- 13) Enactment of legislation establishing “green” residential and State building programs;
- 14) Enactment of legislation expanding the State’s “net metering” laws, allowing increased development of renewable energy by electricity customers;
- 15) Enactment of Legislation expanding energy efficiency and clean energy initiatives of the New York Power Authority to public entities; and
- 16) Investment of billions of dollars by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, the New York Power Authority and the Long Island Power Authority in existing, expanded and new energy efficiency and renewable energy programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Dobbs Ferry resolved to be part of the New York State Climate Smart Communities, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, save taxpayer dollars and advance community goals for health and safety, economic vitality, energy independence and quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Dobbs Ferry has previously adopted a municipal green house gas emission reduction target of 20% by 2015;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees, by resolution adopts a community-wide green house gas emission reduction target of 20% from 2010 levels by 2020.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall have an effective date of September 24, 2013.

Motion By: Trustee Koenigsberg

Seconded by: Trustee Rossillo

Vote:

Mayor Hartley Connett	<u>Y</u>	N	A	Absent
Deputy Mayor Catherine Kay	<u>Y</u>	N	A	Absent
Trustee Victor Golio, Jr.	Y	N	A	<u>Absent</u>
Trustee Vincent Rossillo	<u>Y</u>	N	A	Absent
Trustee David Koenigsberg	<u>Y</u>	N	A	Absent
Trustee William Flynn	<u>Y</u>	N	A	Absent
Trustee Donna Cassell	Y	N	A	<u>Absent</u>

I hereby attest that the above Resolution was approved by the Board of Trustees at their September 24, 2013 meeting and that I have been authorized to sign this Resolution.

  
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 Village Clerk

9/25/2013  
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 Date