

**TOWN OF NEDERLAND  
Boulder County, Colorado**

**RESOLUTION 2011 - 21**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NEDERLAND BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR  
PRESERVATION OF NEDERLAND'S CHARACTER AND SUSTAINABILITY  
OF ITS COMMUNITY**

**WHEREAS**, the protection of Nederland's historic, rustic character, its small town livability and environment, and its natural beauty has been deemed important by its citizens and government, in the past and in the present; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important for the Town of Nederland to encourage and actively support opportunities for a localized economy such as local food production, cottage industries and light industrial, and retail supporting the needs of the community, and urging an economic shift towards an independent and self-reliant community, and a role model for small town resiliency, while demonstrating how people can voluntarily work together with the mountain community to obtain a more harmonious existence with our ecosystem; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the limitations of extractive energy resources and the effects of climate change, the current transportation-based economy will likely become less stable and antithetical to sustainability, and will impact the future of our economy and our way of life; and

**WHEREAS**, due to climate change, pollution, and development in our watersheds, decreasing fresh water supplies have reached critical proportions globally and in Colorado; and

**WHEREAS**, comprehensive oversight requirements do not exist for projects such as governmental, commercial, non-governmental, and other infrastructure projects that will affect our town, to be properly and formally assessed in regards to their environmental, social, cultural, esthetic, and energy impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nederland Board of Trustees adopts this resolution as an affirmation of our Town's shift in consciousness to one of regional and global awareness, the understanding that our Town culture and its people are an integral part of our eco-system, the need for ecological, economic, and social sustainability, and an understanding of the significance of the value of Nederland as a small town, within a mountain region reflecting this shift in consciousness when considering all projects needing approval by the Board of Trustees.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
TOWN OF NEDERLAND, COLORADO:**

Section 1. The Board of Trustees hereby resolves:

- a. To develop clear and measurable tools and standards that will critically assess the environmental, social, economic, cultural, health, and energy impacts of projects

under the Town's review to meet its goals of sustainability, and protect the authentic, rustic and rural character of the town.

- b. To develop an evaluation based on a scale of needs and wants, through which consideration will be given to all projects' impact on the future seven generations.
- c. To strive for all projects under its review to improve and support the health of the mountain region and ecosystem.
- d. To encourage and actively support opportunities for a localized, regional economy such as local food production, cottage industries and light industrial, and retail supporting the needs of the community, and urging an economic shift towards an independent and self-reliant community, and a role model for small town resiliency, while demonstrating how people can voluntarily work together to obtain a more harmonious existence with our ecosystem.
- e. To encourage that projects under its review encourage the benefits of social interaction and are accessible to a diverse population including the disabled and elderly, and resolves to help to support open forums on projects to assist area citizens in learning about and discussing projects.
- f. To encourage a reduced consumption of industrialized animal products.
- g. To strive to attain a goal of zero-waste for the region, by promoting measures such as reduced consumption, recycling, and composting.
- h. To critically assess the type and number of events held in town, and the use of the town's recreational areas, and take action to ensure they serve and have a net positive impact on the area residents and the vitality of its localized, regional economy, and minimize the negative impact on the ecosystem.
- i. To promote the preservation and protection of the Middle Boulder Creek watershed and riparian corridor, and to preserve the habitat and biological integrity in the riparian corridor of Middle Boulder Creek and its tributary, North Beaver Creek in Nederland, and to promote water conservation measures.
- j. To insure that all projects developed in the Town of Nederland will comply with applicable sections of the LEED Rating System, and/or similar systems, that attempt to measure the environmental responsibility of a project and apply life-cycle costs analysis in the decision making process. The Town will also look at other methods of sustainability measurement such as economic analysis to understand the financial implications for the Town.
- k. To promote energy conservation and efficiency and renewable energy production.
- l. To encourage alternative, multi-modal forms of transportation such as walking, biking, and mass transit.

Section 2. The Town Administrator, or his or her designee, is hereby authorized to promulgate any administrative documents and procedures necessary to fully implement the mission, goals and purpose of this Resolution.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

RESOLVED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October,  
2011.

TOWN OF NEDERLAND

By:   
Joe Gierlach, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Teresa Myers, Town Clerk

