

**RESOLUTION 2008-08**  
**Adopting a Sustainable Energy Plan for the Town of Nederland**

**WHEREAS**, Article 31-15-103 of the Colorado Revised Statutes enables the Board of Trustees to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the town; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Nederland is committed to protecting and enhancing the quality of life and environmental quality in the town now and for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Nederland's greenhouse gas emissions are a known quantity as Boulder County has fully evaluated greenhouse gas emissions through an inventory of countywide and municipal emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, there is increasing scientific evidence that carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere are currently impacting the Earth's climate and will continue to have profound and potentially devastating effects, increasing the risk of extreme weather events, increased flood severity, increased risk and intensity of catastrophic wildfire, increased risk of forest die-offs due to insect invasions, changing rainfall and crop productivity patterns, increased risk of drought, loss of alpine meadows, and migration of infectious diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, in February of 2005, the Kyoto Protocol, an international agreement was adopted in December 1997 in Japan, setting binding targets for developed countries to reduce greenhouse gas emissions on average 5.2 percent below 1990 levels, although the United States has not ratified this protocol; and

**WHEREAS**, nationwide, over 770 municipal governments have already pledged to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from their government operations and throughout their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, in November of 2007 the Governor of the State of Colorado set a goal of reducing Colorado's greenhouse gas emissions by 20 percent below 2005 levels by 2020 and by 80 percent below 2005 levels by 2050; and

**WHEREAS**, local government actions taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through increased energy efficiency, increased use of clean renewable energy, and reduced vehicle miles traveled can reduce energy expenditures for local governments, businesses and citizens and create jobs in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nederland Board of Trustees desires Nederland to take a leadership role in increasing energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions from town operations.

**WHEREAS**, the Nederland Board of Trustees passed Resolution # 2007-06 on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007 authorizing the Mayor to sign the Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement,

urging the federal government to take action against global warming, and committing the Town to meet or exceed Kyoto Protocol targets for reducing global warming pollution by taking actions in our own operations and community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NEDERLAND BOARD OF TRUSTEES AS FOLLOWS:**

The Nederland Board of Trustees hereby declares its intent to continue to identify and implement strategies to address global warming and climate change, including those contained in the countywide Sustainable Energy Plan developed through the Boulder County Consortium of Cities. These actions will reduce Nederland's contribution to total global greenhouse gas emissions.

The Nederland Board of Trustees hereby directs town staff to further develop programs, projects, and policies that reflect the goals and strategies set forth in Resolution 2007-06 and the Sustainable Energy Plan. Town staff shall, where appropriate, work in a collaborative manner with other public and private entities. The town's efforts will receive appropriate funding, within budget constraints, and seek to effectively, efficiently and quickly address greenhouse gas emissions in the town in order to achieve the greenhouse gas emissions reductions goals set forth in the Sustainable Energy Plan.

**RESOLVED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008.**



  
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Laura Farris, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Christi Icenogle, Town Clerk