Town of Aurora Climate Smart Community Pledge

Approved on September 26th, 2022

Councilman McCann moved to adopt the following Climate Smart Community resolution; seconded by Councilman Granville:

WHEREAS, the Town of Aurora (hereinafter "local government") believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments; and

WHEREAS, the effect of climate change is occurring and may endanger our infrastructure, economy and livelihoods; harm our farms, orchards, and ecological communities, including native fish and wildlife populations; spread invasive species and exotic diseases; reduce drinking water supplies and recreational opportunities; and pose health threats to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, we believe that our response to climate change provides us with an unprecedented opportunity to save money, and to build livable, energy-independent and secure communities, vibrant innovation economies, healthy and safe schools, and resilient infrastructures; and

WHEREAS, we believe the scale of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions required for climate stabilization will require sustained and substantial efforts; and

WHEREAS, we believe that even if emissions were dramatically reduced today, communities would still need to adapt to the effects of climate change for decades to come.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town of Aurora, in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate, adopts the New York State Climate Smart Communities pledge, which comprises the following then elements:

- **1)** Build a climate-smart community.

- **2)** Inventory emissions, set goals, and plan for climate action.

- **3)** Decrease energy use.

- **4)** Shift to clean, renewable energy.

- **5)** Use climate-smart land use.

- **6)** Enhance community resilience to climate change

- **7)** Support a green innovation economy

- **8)** Inform and inspire the public

- **9)** Engage in an evolving process of climate action.

Action #370 Climate Smart Community resolution adopted

Upon a vote being taken: ayes – four noes – none Motion carried.