

Resolution Number _____

**Amending Resolution 411 from 2010, Adopted by unanimous vote on February 14, 2011
Providing Updates & Clarifications To Albany County's Energy & Environmental
Sustainability Policy**

Dated: December 4, 2013.

By: Messr. Higgins

Whereas, This honorable body, for the first time ever adopted a comprehensive energy and environmental sustainability policy on February 14, 2011 laying out a policy and directives which Alban County must follow in certain respects, and

Whereas, The policy was adopted by a unanimous vote, and

Whereas, The policy has been used as a guideline and tool in continuing Albany County's efforts to make the county and its real property more environmentally and energy sustainable, and

Whereas, It has come to this honorable body's attention that the policy should be updated to reflect several technical changes that were envisioned in the legislative intent of the resolution but could be vague in implementing said policy, now, therefore be it resolved that the following updates and amendments herein should be included as part of Resolution 410 from 2011 and considered part of Albany County's Energy and Environmental Sustainability Policy, be it

Resolved, that Section 8 of said policy is amended as follows:

8. The county shall adopt a goal of reducing electricity usage by 15 percent from projected levels by no later than [2013] 2015. Efforts to reduce County energy consumption and usage as well as updates and improvements to real property owned by Albany County shall occur [but not be limited to] through the following efforts:

A) The County shall inventory current building electricity usage and identify opportunities for conservation and efficiency retrofits. In furtherance of this goal the county [may] shall obtain energy audits and assessments from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA). Such audits shall be completed by December 31, 2015 and findings provided to the Clerk of the Legislature within two weeks thereafter.

B) [Consider such actions] The county shall [purchasing] purchase energy efficient equipment and appliances, improving lighting through the installation of new energy efficient bulbs countywide, setting of thermostats for maximum energy conservation and decreasing plug load from office equipment.

C) The County shall achieve at least minimum U.S. Green Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Standards (LEED) Silver for all new construction, renovation,

or rehabilitation projects to County-owned facilities. Such building requirements shall be clearly set forth in the bid requirements and solicitations released to the general public.