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CLINTON COUNTY BOARD PASSES GREEN GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION

The Clinton County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution to reduce the county's greenhouse gas emissions by 2% per year for the next five years. The resolution was drafted after the completion of a county operations greenhouse gas inventory by the board's Physical Resources Committee. "We recognize that it makes both environmental and economic sense to reduce our energy consumption, since we are almost entirely relying on fossil fuels", said Commissioner Terry Link, chair of the Physical Resources Committee.

"We're trying to be good stewards," noted Link. "We can't put our head in the sand and pretend that there are no financial or environmental signs warning us to conserve." The Physical Resources Committee is compiling best practices from other local governments to help identify actions Clinton County government could take to reduce our energy footprint. Efforts will be made to increase awareness among county employees, examine possible technical improvements, and consider policies that will help the county meet the goals they have set for themselves.

The county hopes to broaden their efforts and invite other local governments, businesses, school districts, and citizens to work together to reduce our over all energy consumption. "Michigan purchases more than \$20 billion worth of energy from other states annually. Plugging the leaks is probably the easiest, cheapest, and most environmentally sound example of stewardship we could offer our struggling economy", suggests Link.