

CITY OF ASHLAND

May 26, 2010

Dear Mayor Stromberg,

At the Conservation Commission meeting of April 28, the Commission voted unanimously to urge you to appoint an ad hoc committee to review and recommend a process for the development of a sustainability plan for the City.

The Proposal:

Establish an Ad Hoc Committee (8-11) people of select city commission representatives, community representatives and a city liaison person to meet up to six times over a three month period prior to the January 2011 City Council goal setting session.

The Committee's purpose is to develop recommended planning processes, methods and tools (e.g. Natural Step, or other methods) for the City of Ashland to utilize for implementing a Sustainability* Plan with the understanding that city budgets and personnel are very limited and that Ashland citizens may have a role in developing such a plan.

The Conservation Commission recommends representation from the following groups/citizens:

- Conservation Commission
- Planning Commission
- Transportation Commission
- Forest Lands Commission
- Parks Commission
- SOU
- Ashland School District
- City Liaison
- Citizenry
- OSF
- Ashland Community Hospital

The meetings will be facilitated and recorded by a Conservation Commission representative team member and/or a volunteer facilitator.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jim McGinnis,
Chair, Ashland Conservation Commission

* Sustainability is defined as meeting the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs, including protecting the environment, developing a healthy economy, and ensuring social equality.