

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 310

Reps. Sowerby, Aiyash, Glanville, Cherry, Sneller, Camilleri, Rogers, Scott, Hood, Morse, Hope, Koleszar, Rabhi, Clemente, Brabec, Puri, Kuppa, LaGrand, Anthony and Stone offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to urge municipalities to use recently
2 appropriated state and federal funding to pursue green
3 infrastructure policies.

4 Whereas, Climate change is threatening the environmental,
5 economic, and social well-being of the people of our nation. In
6 Michigan, climate change has resulted in increasingly extreme
7 weather events, such as flooding, periods of drought, and higher
8 temperatures. Current scientific projections suggest that the
9 impacts of climate change will continue to increase in both
10 frequency and intensity, and that measures must be taken to adapt

1 to the changing climate; and

2 Whereas, Important work is already being done to fight climate
3 change and increase climate resilience in Michigan. The draft MI
4 Healthy Climate Plan, published in January 2022, outlines the
5 state's vision and goals as they relate to addressing climate
6 change. Additionally, municipalities throughout the state have
7 adopted policies designed to combat and adapt to climate change.
8 However, more work is needed to mitigate the impacts of climate
9 change and adapt to changing weather patterns; and

10 Whereas, Green infrastructure, which is an approach to water
11 management designed to filter and absorb stormwater where it falls,
12 could help mitigate impacts of climate change by providing
13 communities with increased flood protection, cleaner water, and
14 more green space. While green infrastructure may take many forms,
15 common examples of green infrastructure projects include pollinator
16 plots; rain gardens; bioswales; green streets and alleys; permeable
17 pavement; rainwater harvesting; downspout disconnection; green
18 roofs, and native plant-based restoration projects; and

19 Whereas, Recently appropriated state and federal funding,
20 which will deliver more than \$3 billion in badly needed
21 infrastructure and climate-related funding to Michigan communities,
22 will provide municipalities a rare opportunity to fund green
23 infrastructure projects. Green infrastructure has been shown to be
24 a cost effective, locally enriching, and impactful way to develop a
25 community while also mitigating the impacts of human created
26 changes to Earth's climate; now, therefore, be it

27 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge
28 municipalities to use recently appropriated state and federal
29 funding to pursue green infrastructure policies; and be it further

1 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
2 executive directors of the Michigan Municipal League, Michigan
3 Townships Association, and Michigan Association of Counties.