

**RESOLUTION NO. 8
SERIES OF 2017**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF
CARBONDALE ESTABLISHING AN ENVIRONMENTAL BILL OF RIGHTS**

WHEREAS, as residents and visitors of the Town of Carbondale we recognize that we are part of a larger ecosystem that includes not only our fellow mankind but also the soils, waters, air, plants, and animals; and

WHEREAS, we must interact with this ecosystem in ways that allow those systems to maintain sufficient functional integrity so that they may continue providing; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that tourism is a main economic driver for Carbondale and that it is financially prudent to protect our natural resources; and

WHEREAS, we must keep and improve the intrinsic value of clean air, clean water, open spaces, the stars at night, wildlife, appropriate development and an innovative and passionate citizenry; and

WHEREAS, The **PURPOSE** of this Environmental Bill of Rights (EBOR) is as an overarching guide or filter through which we pass Carbondale's environmental and ecological decisions and policies; and

WHEREAS, the **MISSION** of this EBOR is to uphold the existing ethos of our environmentally and ecologically-minded community by maintaining, protecting and restoring the physical and natural environment for our residents and visitors, now and for future generations; and

WHEREAS, this EBOR should empower all the employees, residents and visitors of Carbondale alike to act in a manner consistent with the EBOR; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of these rights the Town of Carbondale must have plans, codes and practices that place environmental protection as a top priority; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that the Town of Carbondale leads by example with our actions, town owned assets and enforcement of codes, and to encourage grassroots and volunteer efforts to pursue the Mission of this EBOR.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF CARBONDALE BOARD OF THE TRUSTEES:

To establish this Environmental Bill of Rights to ensure that Carbondale's healthy ecosystems and natural resources continue to flourish, are sustainable, and support healthy individuals and thus a healthy community now and for future generations to come. Residents and visitors alike shall have the right to:

1. Breathe clean air and enjoy clear vistas.
2. A clean, safe and plentiful drinking water supply provided from sustainable sources.
3. Protection and rehabilitation of riparian areas and healthy ecosystems which protect native wildlife.
4. Clear growth boundaries supporting density and preservation of surrounding open space.
5. Solid waste reduction and increased recycling efforts.
6. Sustainable car-alternative mobility options.
7. A healthy, fertile landscape managed holistically and safely.
8. Views of the quintessential Western night sky without the interference of unnecessary artificial lighting.
9. Noise levels appropriate to a bustling small community.
10. Sustainable usage of our unique natural resources, providing the use of only what you need and the rest left for future generations.


INTRODUCED, READ AND PASSED this 8th day of August, 2017

TOWN OF CARBONDALE



Dan Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Cathy Derby, Town Clerk

