

# BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(1)

## AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: October 5, 2004

**TITLE: Presentation of the Toward a Sustainable Community in Southern Orange County Report**

<b>DEPARTMENT: Community and Economic Development</b>	<b>PUBLIC HEARING: YES or <u>NO</u></b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> <b>A. Resolution</b> <b>B. Report entitled, "Toward a Sustainable Community in Southern Orange County"</b>	<b>FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: James R. Harris , Director of Community and Economic Development, 918-7319</b>

### PURPOSE:

The purpose of this item is to present to the Board of Aldermen the report "Toward a Sustainable Community in Orange County" prepared by the Council on a Sustainable Community. The town staff recommends that this report be accepted and referred to the town's advisory boards for discussion.

### INFORMATION:

The committee was chaired by former Senator Howard Lee, Charlie Fischer and Mark Zimmerman. Aldermen Diana McDuffee and John Herrera and Staff person James Harris participated in the process.

The council looked at the big issue of what is a sustainable community. It was determined that a sustainable community meets the basic resource needs in a manner that can be continued for future generations. A sustainable community means many things to many people who live in Orange County. To business owners it means having a healthy economy in which businesses can produce and market their products and services. To parents it means having a safe environment in which to bring up their children, and a wide spectrum of educational opportunities. To workers it means a secure, productive job that is easy to get to. To everyone it means clean air to breathe and clean water to drink; and the opportunity to live in a nurturing community that brings us together to meet our cultural and spiritual needs.

The Council for Sustainable Community has developed a sustainable community concept for southern Orange County. It is proposed that this concept be used as a starting point for the entire community to come together around a collective vision for a sustainable future.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that this report be accepted and referred to the town's advisory boards for discussion and to consider any new economic development initiatives recommended by the council. It is further recommended that when this item comes up on the Assembly of Governments agenda again, that the proposed creation of a Sustainable Roundtable be considered.