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### FACTSHEET

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**TITLE:** Lincoln Environmental Action Plan

**BOARD/COMMITTEE:** Mayor's Environmental Task Force

**APPLICANT:** Mayor Beutler

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt/Approve

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approve/Adopt

**OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED:** Multiple

**SPONSOR:** Frank Uhlarik

**OPPONENTS:**

#### REASON FOR LEGISLATION

The City of Lincoln faces significant environmental challenges today and in the future. A balanced and flexible environmental action plan with defined goals and strategies is needed to provide direction and clarity to policy makers in ensuring appropriate policies, programs and projects are implemented that provide optimal environmental and economic outcomes for the community. The Lincoln Environmental Action Plan (LEAP) provides the vision and direction for environmental initiatives that will serve as a living document for years to come. We are seeking City Council adoption of the LEAP as a means to establish consensus in moving forward with critical initiatives in the areas of energy, land use, transportation, waste management and water resources.

#### DISCUSSION / FINDINGS OF FACT:

**POLICY OR PROGRAM CHANGE:**  Yes  No

**OPERATIONAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT:** Each goal and strategy listed in the LEAP may require some level of effort and expense for implementation but is largely indistinguishable from the "status quo" as City personnel have been engaged in the policies, programs and projects envisioned in the LEAP in some capacity for many years. Having a defined plan with specific goals and strategies will allow for greater focus and efficiency in pursuit of common targets.

**COST OF TOTAL PROJECT:** NA - LEAP outcomes are designed to consider and improve cost effectiveness of municipal operations.

**RELATED ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS:** NA - as stated above, LEAP outcomes are intended to improve long term cost effectiveness of municipal operations as well as to reduce taxpayer burden.

#### SOURCE OF FUNDS:

**CITY:** Where applicable - as appropriated and/or approved by the City Council

**NON CITY:** NA

**FACTSHEET PREPARED BY:** Frank Uhlarik

**DATE:** 11/30/17

**REVIEWED BY:**

**DATE:**