

Preparing Your Community for Climate and Energy Change: Opportunities for Local Sustainability

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Continuing Education and Conference Center
University of Minnesota, St. Paul Campus

Agenda

8:00 – 8:30	Registration, exhibit booths, refreshments
8:30 – 8:45	Welcome and introductory remarks Brad Moore , Commissioner, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Mary Hamann-Roland , Mayor, City of Apple Valley
8:45 – 9:30	<i>Climate Change Trends in Minnesota</i> J. Drake Hamilton , Science Policy Director, Fresh Energy
9:30 – 10:15	<i>A Time of Challenges and Opportunities for Communities</i> Gord Miller , Environmental Commissioner of Ontario
10:15 – 10:45	Morning break
10:45 – 11:30	<i>Meeting the Energy and Climate Challenge: One Community at a Time</i> Dan Richardson , Senior Energy Consultant, Schmueser Gordon Meyer
11:30 - 12:15	<i>Searching for Energy Security in the 21st Century</i> Julian Darley , President, Post Carbon Institute
12:15 - 1:15	Lunch
1:15 - 2:30	<i>Overcoming Barriers to Action and Taking the Next Step</i> Moderated discussion sessions to identify opportunities and sources of assistance
2:30 – 2:45	Afternoon break
2:45 – 4:00	Afternoon topic sessions

Afternoon topic sessions

Green Building and Community Development Strategies

- Warren Hanson, President and Chief Executive Officer, Greater Minnesota Housing Fund
- Rick Carter, AIA, Vice President, LHB
- John Shardlow, AICP, Principal, DSU/Bonestroo

Keeping Energy Supplies and Money Local

- Bruce Anderson, Sustainable Community Solutions
- Jimmie Sparks, Residential Energy Program Manager, Neighborhood Energy Connection
- Ken Smith, Vice President, District Energy St. Paul

Strengthening Communities with Diverse Transportation Options

- Russ Stark, Executive Director, Midway Transportation Management Organization
- Jan Parker, Ramsey County Commissioner
- Tim Springer, Executive Director, Midtown Greenway Coalition

Local Food as Economic Development

- Ken Meter, President, Crossroads Resource Center
- Dayna Burtness, Co-founder, Saint Olaf Garden Research and Organic Works (STOGROW)
- Kristin Johnson, Intern, STOGROW
- Rob Smith, Intern, STOGROW

Community Water and Tree Management in a Changing Climate

- Julie Westerlund, Communications and Education Coordinator, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District
- Ken Holman, Community Forestry Coordinator, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Minneapolis Case Study: One Community's Response

- Elizabeth Glidden, Member, Minneapolis City Council
- Gayle Prest, Manager of Sustainability, City of Minneapolis