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We empower congregations, communities and conscious consumers to become sustainable using the Natural Step Framework.

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## Faith Community Partners

- **Catholic** - Office of Social Justice of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Mpls  
[www.osjspm.org](http://www.osjspm.org)
- **Jewish**- Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas  
[www.minndakjrc.org/](http://www.minndakjrc.org/)
- **Episcopal** - [www.env-steward.com/](http://www.env-steward.com/)
- **Lutheran** - Lutheran Coalition for Public Policy in Minnesota [www.lcppm.org](http://www.lcppm.org) and the Lutheran Earthkeeping Network [www.webofcreation.org](http://www.webofcreation.org)
- **Methodist** – A new UMC network is now forming.
- **Unitarian** - Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Alliance - Eco Minds  
[www.muusja.org](http://www.muusja.org)
- **Presbyterians** – Presbytery of the Lakes and Prairies – Environmental Stewardship Committee [www.ptcaweb.org](http://www.ptcaweb.org)
- **UCC** - United Church of Christ Justice and Witness Committee [www.uccmn.org/](http://www.uccmn.org/)
- **Evangelical** – Restoring Eden [www.restoringeden.org](http://www.restoringeden.org)



### **Interfaith and Ecumenical Partners**

- **Center for Spirituality & Sustainability of the Alliance for Sustainability**
- **Congregations Caring for Creation [www.c3mn.net](http://www.c3mn.net)**
- **Web of Creation [www.webofcreation.org](http://www.webofcreation.org)**
- **MN Council of Churches, Healthy Homes, Healthy Congregations [www.mnchurches.org](http://www.mnchurches.org)**

### **Science and Education Partners**

- **Center for Energy and Environment/ [www.mncee.org](http://www.mncee.org) , [www.mnenergychallenge.org](http://www.mnenergychallenge.org)**
- **One Sky – [www.1sky.org](http://www.1sky.org)**
- **Clean Energy Minnesota [www.cleanenergyminnesota.org](http://www.cleanenergyminnesota.org)**
- **Minnesota Environmental Partnership [www.meparthnership.org](http://www.meparthnership.org)**
- **Minnesota Pollution Control Agency [www.nextstep.state.mn.us](http://www.nextstep.state.mn.us)**
- **Will Steger Foundation [www.willstegerfoundation.org](http://www.willstegerfoundation.org)**

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[www.osjspm.org/globalwarming](http://www.osjspm.org/globalwarming)
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[www.minndakjcrc.org](http://www.minndakjcrc.org)
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- **Support for your Creation Care Team.**  
A C3 coordinator or denominational representative can meet with your team, offer suggestions and resources. Find your representative at [www.c3mn.net](http://www.c3mn.net) → Your Faith Tradition.

# LEARN about creation care



**The Alliance for Sustainability and Lutheran Coalition  
Policy in Minnesota can provide your congregation -**

- **Guest speakers** for adult forums & youth groups on global warming, energy, sustainability and why our actions are a matter of faith.
- **Current documentary films** on global warming, energy and sustainability.
- **Creation Care Statements** from your Faith Tradition.

Learn more at [www.c3mn.net](http://www.c3mn.net)

Click on “Greening Your Congregation” then “Educational Resources”

# LEARN about creation care - current films available

- **We encourage you congregation to host a ‘global warming movie night’** this fall. Help members of your congregation learn about global warming, as well as practical solutions for global warming reduction. To reserve one or more of the films please call Congregations Caring for Creation (C3)/ MN Interfaith Power and Light , 612-331-1099 x 1 or sign up on line at [www.c3mn.net](http://www.c3mn.net)
- **“An Inconvenient Truth,”** contains a good overview of the scientific evidence of global warming, and an urgent appeal to take action now reduce further global warming in the future. Available free of charge from [www.c3mn.net](http://www.c3mn.net) & [www.interfaithpowerandlight.org](http://www.interfaithpowerandlight.org) for congregations that want to show the film during the first two weeks of October, 2006. Please reserve your film by Sept 8 to receive your own free copy for your congregation to own (we will have additional copies of the film to loan out if you miss the deadline.)
- **“Global Warming: What you need to know” with Tom Brokaw**, originally premiered on the Discovery Channel on July 16 Discovery Channel – available free of charge from C3
- **“The Great Warming”** a Canadian Documentary which originally premiered on PBS [www.thegreatwarming.com](http://www.thegreatwarming.com) (Stonehaven Productions is requesting that congregations receive an offering at the screening and split the proceeds to cover distribution costs.

# **Eyewitness to Global Warming C3 Public Forums with Polar Explorer Will Steger- details at [www.c3mn.net](http://www.c3mn.net)**

## **Fall 2005**

- **Easter Lutheran, Eagan**
- **MN Valley UU Fellowship,  
Bloomington**
- **Transfiguration Catholic  
Church, Oakdale**

## **Spring 2006**

- **Faith Lutheran, Forest Lake**
- **St. Mark's Cathedral**
- **Hennepin Ave UMC**
- **Prince of Peace Lutheran,  
Burnsville**
- **Presbyterian Church of  
Apostles, Burnsville**
- **Temple Israel, Minneapolis**
- **St. Joan of Arc Catholic  
Church, Minneapolis**
- **St. John Neumann Catholic,  
Eagan**



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## **Fall 2007 Schedule**

**Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, Bethel Lutheran Church, Northfield,**  
[www.bethelnorthfield.org](http://www.bethelnorthfield.org),

**Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> 7pm, Christ the King Lutheran Church,**  
Bloomington, [www.ctkb.org](http://www.ctkb.org)

**Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 7pm, Advent Lutheran Church, , Maple Grove**  
[www.adventlutheran.com](http://www.adventlutheran.com),

**Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup> 12:30pm to 4pm, Pax Christi Catholic Community,**  
Eden Prairie, [www.paxchristi.com](http://www.paxchristi.com)

# **INVOLVE members of your congregation**

## **The Alliance can provide your Congregation -**

**Sample materials for member action campaigns** to conserve energy & support clean, renewable sources of energy. Visit [www.afors.org](http://www.afors.org) and click on “Greening your Congregation.” 40 things you can do”

- **The Minnesota Energy Challenge** - have your members measure their Co2 footprint and pledge the conservation actions they will take at [www.mnenergychallenge.org](http://www.mnenergychallenge.org)
- **Promoting CFL light bulbs** as a first step to conserve energy
- **Bike, Walk or Carpool Sunday/ Sabbath**
- **Promote Wise Public Policy Solutions**

# The Green Congregation Program

## [www.webofcreation.org](http://www.webofcreation.org)

- [Getting Started](#)
- [Worship](#)
- [Religious Education](#)
- [Building and Grounds](#)
- [Home and Work](#)
- [Advocacy](#)

# The Green Congregation Program

[www.webofcreation.org](http://www.webofcreation.org)

- **Inform your congregation's leaders** of your interest and commitment, and encourage their involvement.
- Develop a **Congregational Action Plan** in the area of:
  - **Worship**
  - **Education – children, youth, adults**
  - **Buildings and Grounds**
  - **Discipleship at Home and Work**
  - **Public Ministry**
- Work with the **appropriate committees** to carry out the Plan.
- Promote your **identity as a congregation** that cares for creation.
- Meet regularly to **follow the Action Plan** and to develop new projects.
- Consider a **project to benefit the larger community**.
- Work to keep the life and activities of the Green Team active

# Waste and Toxicity Reduction Tool Kit for Congregations

[www.rethinkrecycling.com/grants/grantee-resources/congregational-tool-kit](http://www.rethinkrecycling.com/grants/grantee-resources/congregational-tool-kit)

- This resource was created by Congregations Caring for Creation (C3) and the Alliance for Sustainability. Information regarding waste and toxicity reduction was provided by Hennepin County Environmental Services and Community POWER to assist congregations with implementing a waste and toxicity reduction campaign. Includes:
  - Getting Started
  - Calendar of Activity Ideas
  - Activity Ideas for Congregations, Adults, Teens and Children
  - Special Event Ideas
  - Waste Reduction for Internal Operations
- Congregations Caring for Creation also created a Supplement Guide for this tool kit, Resources for Faith Communities. This guide includes scripture references, sermon and hymn ideas for the Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Baha'i, and Unitarian Universalist faiths.
- Congregations in Hennepin County can receive a printed version of the tool kit by calling 612-348-4168.
- For more information on this tool kit and on how to implement a waste and toxicity reduction campaign in congregations, please contact: [Alliance for Sustainability](#) / Sean Gosiewski at 612-331-1099 x 1 or [sean@afors.org](mailto:sean@afors.org)

# **SAVE money & energy in your congregation**

- **Sign up for a Free Lighting Audit** with the **One-Stop Efficiency Shop** to have a complete assessment of where your congregation can save money and energy with more efficient lighting, specific recommendations, referrals to contractors, low cost financing and follow up inspections.
- Most congregations can pay for the improvements with 1 year's worth of energy savings.
- Call Kristen Funk 612-335-3487. [kfunk@mncee.org](mailto:kfunk@mncee.org) or Erik J. Ennen, 612-335-5823 [eebnen@mncee.org](mailto:eebnen@mncee.org)
- Web site. [www.mncee.org/oses.htm](http://www.mncee.org/oses.htm)

# **SAVE money & energy in your congregation**

- **CEE - Recommissioning Program**, for larger buildings, Martha Hewett 612-335-5865 [mhewett@mncee.org](mailto:mhewett@mncee.org)  
[www.mncee.org/frame\\_es.htm](http://www.mncee.org/frame_es.htm)

# **SAVE money & energy in your congregation**

- **Sign up for a comprehensive energy audit for your building's heating and cooling systems through Xcel ConservationWise** For \$200 a certified Xcel energy auditor would visit your congregation and assess areas for potential energy savings both in terms of lighting and heating and cooling. Low cost financing for energy improvement projects is also available. Call **Xcel Business Solutions** 1-800-481-4700 x 5 Email **BSC@xcelenergy.com** **Web** - [www.xcelenergy.com](http://www.xcelenergy.com) and
- **Centerpoint Energy** energy audits  
[http://mn.centerpointenergy.com/for\\_your\\_business/energy\\_infomation/natural\\_energy\\_audit.asp](http://mn.centerpointenergy.com/for_your_business/energy_infomation/natural_energy_audit.asp)

# **SAVE money & energy in your congregation**

- **Minnesota Retired Engineer Technical Assistance Program (MN RETAP)** provides **free energy and waste** audits for congregations using retired engineers 612-624-1300  
[www.pca.state.mn.us/oea/p2/retap.cfm](http://www.pca.state.mn.us/oea/p2/retap.cfm) -
- **Implement your building efficiency plans.**

# Greening Your Capital Campaign – renovation & construction

- **Get involved at the earliest possible time with your congregation's building committee or capital campaign committee**
- **Help them understand the basics of green building – MN Sustainable Design Guide**  
<http://www.msdg.umn.edu/>
- **Sustainable Building 2030**  
<http://www.csbr.umn.edu/research/sb2030.html>
- **Free plan review available from Xcel**

# Greening Your Capital Campaign – renovation & construction

- **Free 1 time consultation** - Center for Sustainable Building Research at the U of MN *Viragita Singh 612-625-3447*  
[singh023@tc.umn.edu](mailto:singh023@tc.umn.edu) [www.csbr.umn.edu](http://www.csbr.umn.edu)
- Consider a Green Architect – example – Cuningham Group [www.cunningham.com/](http://www.cunningham.com/)  
*Brian Tempas, 612-379-5543*

# Become a carbon- neutral congregation

- CEE staff can assist you to measure the CO2 footprint of your congregational building
- Ask members to pledge CO2 reductions at home that will total up to offset the congregational building's foot print
- [www.mnenergychallenge.org](http://www.mnenergychallenge.org)

# Taking the Energy Challenge with a congregation

- Take the **MN Energy Challenge** and set up your team at [www.mnenergychallenge.org](http://www.mnenergychallenge.org)
- **Get MN Energy Challenge outreach materials** (posters, pledge cards, buttons, give-a-ways, etc.) from **Neely Crane-Smith, 612-335-5852** [ncranesmith@mncee.org](mailto:ncranesmith@mncee.org)
- **Set a goal for your congregation** – put up a poster to show progress toward meeting the goal (either number of new team members or pounds of carbon dioxide saved)
- **Engage members to take the challenge** (on-line or paper version.) Remind them to sign up to join your MN Energy Challenge team!
- **Maintain visibility for the MN Energy Challenge** – posters, newsletter announcements, photos on the bulletin board
- **Use Incentives when possible**– CFLs, Blue Sky Guides
- **Choose a specific action or couple of actions to be the center of your Energy Challenge campaign**, CFLs Eco Driving, etc.

# Ways to sign people up

- Environmental Fair – **Lap Tops with volunteers.**
- **Annual Meeting** – distribute and collect **paper Challenge Forms.**
- Volunteer with **clip boards-** paper challenge
- Mailing the challenge to members
- Pew pledge cards
- Link from congregational web site and e-newsletter

# Maintain Visibility

- Thermometer – how close to our goal?
- Posters, buttons
- Newsletter articles
- Announcements during worship
- Table for a month if possible
- Work through existing channels – youth group, choir, women's club

# MN Energy Challenge Resources

- *Neely Crane-Smith, 612-335-5852*  
ncranesmith@mncee.org
- [www.mnenergychallenge.org/resources](http://www.mnenergychallenge.org/resources)



# *St Joan of Arc Church*

*We Welcome You Wherever You are on Your Journey*

- The St. Joan of Arc of Arc Catholic Church's "green" Parish Center in Minneapolis, which opened in late March 2001, is a model of what can be accomplished when building decisions are guided by an overall philosophy of stewardship, economy and respect for the environment.
- Deconstruction services was employed to dismantle the old building

The New Parish Center features

- 50% improvement over the state energy code
- Low flow faucets and toilets

- Salvaged and replanted trees, native/low-maintenance/drought-resistant plantings, shading for west windows, and expanded green space

## Next Steps

- Installed 10kw Photo Voltaic solar system on their roof.
- Installed large slow moving ceiling fan instead of air conditioning their worship space

For further information -

[www.nextstep.state.mn.us](http://www.nextstep.state.mn.us) - case study

and [www.stjoan.com](http://www.stjoan.com)



# *St Joan of Arc Church*

*We Welcome You Wherever You are on Your Journey*

- Most Successful MN Energy Challenge congregation in MN
- Announcement from the Pulpit with newsletter reminders
- Volunteers from the Eco Spirituality Committee did tabling for the Energy Challenge at 2 services each week for 2 months
- Also the most successful Green Power sign up congregation through Windsource

# Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA), Forest Lake



- **Faith Lutheran’s “Air Care” program** promotes the use of cordless electric lawn mowers instead of gas powered equipment- available at a discount at [www.faithfl.org](http://www.faithfl.org) They have sold 50 mowers, reducing air pollution the equivalent of 300,000 driving miles.
- Remodeling & construction to their campus has included **geo-thermal heating and cooling**. This investment is expected to reduce energy consumption by 50%.
- **Rain gardens and porous paving** to be used to mitigate stormwater run-off.
- For more information [www.faithfl.org](http://www.faithfl.org)



# Plymouth Congregational

- **Caring for Creation –**  
*Transforming people and the land that sustains them.*
- Minnesota Energy Challenge,
- Writing numerous articles for the Flame
- Annual sustainable living fair
- Planted a wildflower/rain garden at Plymouth,
- Working on an environmental policy statement,
- Field Trips
- [http://www.plymouth.org/about/caring\\_for\\_creation.php](http://www.plymouth.org/about/caring_for_creation.php)





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- Very successful MN Energy Challenge congregation
- Had lap tops for MN Energy Challenge sign ups during coffee hour
- Eco-coloring with kids
- Mailed the MN Energy Challenge to all members asking them to complete and return them.
- For congregants doing the Challenge on line – they reminded them to join their Plymouth Congregational Team
- Large, ongoing Environmental Stewardship Team

# Lutheran Church of the Reformation, St. Louis Park



- The Lutheran Church of the Reformation traded their 1.1 acres of traditional mowed grass adjacent to Highway 100 for prairie grass, wildflowers, and burr oak trees to restore the **natural oak savanna landscape** native to the region.
- Replacing grass with indigenous prairie grasses and wildflowers eliminates the need for mowing, along with the harmful air emissions produced by mowing and landscape trimming equipment.
- The **prairie restoration and rain garden** also enhances the water quality of nearby lakes by naturally filtering out debris and harmful runoff from parking surfaces.
- Details at [www.reformationslp.org](http://www.reformationslp.org)

# First Universalist Church, Minneapolis



- The 2006 **Earth Sunday** theme was “Global warming: listen to the animals.” Their youth group led the worship service along with a keynote speaker, live animal demonstrations, and an information fair
- Selling **Compact Fluorescent Bulbs** and **Blue Sky Guides**
- Encouraging families to buy **green power**
- Arranging for **car pooling** to church
- **Environmental Library** Collection
- Door-Knocking to help pass the **MN Renewable Electricity Standard**
- Work on the **UU national Study Action Issue**: “The Threat of Global Warming”.
- Details at [www.firstuniv.org/justice.html](http://www.firstuniv.org/justice.html)

# MN Valley UU Fellowship



- MVUUF is becoming a **green sanctuary** through the national UU network
- Members sold 325 15w **Compact Fluorescent light bulbs** (CFLs) to members and helped seniors in a senior living complex to install 300+ CFLs to promote **energy conservation**.
- In December of 2005 they hosted a **Eyewitness to Global Warming Forum** with Will Steger giving his first hand account of global warming and a climate scientist talking about solutions.
- MVUU has been exploring creation care & global warming in their **worship services & music**.
- Details at [www.mnvalleyuu.org](http://www.mnvalleyuu.org)

# Temple Israel, Minneapolis



- Temple Israel's **Ner Tamid Task Force** for Sustainability mission is "To bring about Tikun Olam, health, and sustainability, meeting our needs today while assuring those of future generations".
- Temple Israel installed a **1.75 KW Photo Voltaic solar system** on their roof to provide some of the electricity for their sanctuary and to light their eternal flame (Ner Tamid)
- Installed an **energy-star rated new boiler system**
- Switching to **non-toxic cleaning products**
- Temple Israel hosted a forum in April of 2006 on global warming with **Will Steger** and C3.
- Details at [www.templeisrael.com](http://www.templeisrael.com)

# Basilica of St. Mary



- The Basilica's Economic Stewardship Team and parish Staff recently participated in a training on Sustainability and the Natural Step through the Alliance for Sustainability. As a result, the congregation's Economic Stewardship Committee has become its Sustainability committee and has developed detailed action plans to conserve energy, reduce waste and toxics and promote renewables
- The Basilica will have an overall energy audit.
- Further info [www.mary.org](http://www.mary.org)

# Basilica of St. Mary

- The Basilica is joining in the Minnesota Energy Challenge with a goal of empowering 1,000 parishioners to sign up for the Challenge.
- Using pledge card in the pews
- Promoting CSA Farms
- Reducing waste at the Basilica Block party.



# Falcon Heights United Church of Christ



- Falcon Heights United Church of Christ is **purchasing wind power** through Xcel's Windsource Program
- They created an **energy-efficient addition to their building**, using **EnergyStar approved windows and lighting**, while making needed improvements to the rest of their facility.
- While they increased their available space they experienced no increase in their energy usage or bills.
- Further info - [www.uccdove.org](http://www.uccdove.org)



## Congregations Caring for Creation



Summit to offer feedback for the future of Congregations Caring for Creation

Sunday March 1 from 2:00 to 4:30pm at First Universalist Church, 3400 Dupont Ave S. Minneapolis

Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer, will be the speaker.

Details at [www.c3mn.net](http://www.c3mn.net)

# Grant Opportunities for Congregations

- **Minneapolis Climate Change Grants**  
[www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/sustainability](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/sustainability)
- **Community Power** [www.rethinkrecycling.org](http://www.rethinkrecycling.org)
- **Watershed Districts**
- **CFL light bulb donations from local utilities**

# Congregations Advocating for Wise State & Federal Policies

## **Lutheran Coalition for Public Policy in MN**

### **Archdiocese Environmental Stewardship Committee**

- *Patricia B. Benson:*  
Creation Care Coordinator  
651-224-5499 or
- 651-247-3213
- *benson@lcppm.org*

## **State Policy**

- [www.fresh-energy.org](http://www.fresh-energy.org)
- [www.mepartnership.org](http://www.mepartnership.org) ,
- [www.jrlc.org](http://www.jrlc.org)
- [www.cleanenergyminnesota.org](http://www.cleanenergyminnesota.org)

## **National Policy**

- [www.1sky.org](http://www.1sky.org) ,
- [www.climateprotect.org](http://www.climateprotect.org)
- [www.ucsusa.org](http://www.ucsusa.org)

# Global Warming is a matter of faith and social justice

- Wealthy countries are contributing to global warming
- Poor countries experience the impacts
- Future generations will experience the impacts
- Inter-Generational Equity
- Species Extinction



# Cities are working to meet state and international CO2 reduction goals

- MN has committed to achieving 15% CO2 reduction by 2015
- Many MN Cities have signed the US Mayors Pledge to reduce global warming
- Cities directly control only 5% of their community's CO2 and methane footprint



# Tools Available to Cities to cut CO2 Community- Wide

- **City Operations** – buildings, fleets, capital improvements, recommissioning, behavior
- **City Investments** – streets, side walks, infrastructure, trees
- **City Policies** – ordinances, land use, zoning, increasing density
- **City Programs** – housing, home rehab loans, economic development, municipal utility
- **Education** – newsletters, partnerships, etc.



# Congregations can help their city to reduce it's CO2 foot print by

- Join hands with other local congregations
- Ask your city to green it's operations
- Support zoning and land use that adds density to create walkable, transit-friendly communities
- Help with community outreach to engage residents and businesses to save energy
- [www.mnenergychallenge.org/resources/government](http://www.mnenergychallenge.org/resources/government)



## Congregations in Edina helping meet CO2 reduction goals

- City of Edina – Energy and Environment Commission – Spring 2009 – will host a Community-Wide Vision session using the Natural Step with the Alliance for Sustainability
- Their Outreach Committee will bring together volunteers from congregations, schools, neighborhoods, chamber of commerce, service clubs to brainstorm how they can help more businesses and residents reduce their energy use.
- Participating congregations – Edina Community Lutheran, St. Patrick's, Shepherd of the Hills.



## Shepherd of the Valley helping Apple Valley meet CO2 reduction goals

- The Center for Energy and Environment and Great Plains Institute are partnering with the **City of Apple Valley** to mobilize residents and businesses to reduce their CO2 Foot print
- The Alliance is partnering with **Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran** and the **School for Environmental Studies** to mobilize volunteers to help.
- **Monday April 27 – 7pm**  
Introduction to the Natural Step –  
at Shepherd of the Valley  
Lutheran [www.sotv.org](http://www.sotv.org)



# St. Andrew Lutheran & Mahtomedi

- St. Andrew's Lutheran - Hosted Will Steger Community forum with 900 in attendance
- Many members volunteer with the Mahtomedi Area Green Initiative
- Participating in the MN Energy Challenge
- Distributing CFL Light Bulbs



# White Bear UU and Mahtomedi

- Did a green building renovation
- Global Climate Crisis Committee.  
Speaker series 3rd Wednesdays.
- Active with MAGI



# Twin Cities Sustainable Communities Conference

- **Thursday, March 19, 2009**  
**Noon to 9:30 pm**
- **Keynote** Mayor Ken Melamed,  
*Whistler, BC*  
[www.whistler2020.ca](http://www.whistler2020.ca)
- **Project resources for congregations, schools and neighborhoods**
- **Paul and Sheila Wellstone Center for Community, 179 Robie St E, St. Paul, MN 55107**
- Please register at  
[www.afors.org](http://www.afors.org)



# **Twin Cities Sustainable Communities Conference**

## **Thursday, March 19, 2009**

### **Local Government Workshops - Noon to 6 pm**

- **Model Ordinances for Sustainable Development,**
- **More than Storm Water Management,**
- **Cycloplan,**
- **Zero Waste Ordinances,**
- **Business Outreach Tools,**
- **Green Step Cities,**
- **Community Engagement Tools,**
- **Local Government Resources for Energy Efficiency,**
- **Sensible Communities Legislation,**
- **Integrating Watershed Planning into your Comprehensive Plan**



# **Twin Cities Sustainable Communities Conference**

**Thursday, March 19, 2009 - Neighborhood Conference 5 to 9:30 pm**

## **Project Workshops for Congregations**

- **Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy** – CEE, Metro CERTS
- **Biking/ Walking/ Transportation/ Sensible Communities** – TLC, MCEA
- **Greening, Rain Gardens, Storm Water, Open Space** – Metro Blooms, Energyscapes
- **Outreach for Healthy Families, Green Gatherings and Waste Reduction** – Do it Green
- **Organizing for Green Jobs** - HIRE MN Coalition, EJAM, One Sky
- **Green Careers: Finding Jobs in the Growing Green Economy** - Barbara Parks



# Geographic Follow-Up Sessions- March/ April/ May 2009

- Learn about your city's sustainability efforts. Share Ideas with adjacent Cities. Brainstorm next steps.
- **East Metro Thurs March 26, 6:30 pm**, Transfiguration Church, 6133 15th Street N Oakdale MN 55128  
[www.tranny.org](http://www.tranny.org)
- **North Metro Thurs April 16, 6:30 pm**, *Family Service Center*.- 803 Old Hwy 8 NW - *New Brighton*, MN 55112  
[www.ci.new-brighton.mn.us](http://www.ci.new-brighton.mn.us)
- **West Metro Mon May 4, 6:30 pm**, **Church of St. Patrick** 6820 St. Patrick's Lane Edina, MN 55439  
[www.stpatrick-edina.org](http://www.stpatrick-edina.org)
- **South Metro Thurs May 7, 6:30 pm**, Eagan Community Center 1501 Central Pkwy Eagan, MN 55121  
[www.cityofeagan.com](http://www.cityofeagan.com)
- **Please pre-register at [www.afors.org](http://www.afors.org)**

# For more information

Sean Gosiewski, Program Director

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