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**Notes and our next steps from our**

**City Environmental Commissions Zoom Call on the County’s Climate Resilience Plan**

**Wednesday 3/18/2020, 9 am – 10 am** with **Commissioners Greene, Goettel, and Fernando** with citizen, commission or city staff leaders from Bloomington, Golden Valley, Minnetonka, Minneapolis, Plymouth, Richfield and Alliance for Sustainability

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**Next Steps/Key Actions**

1. **Find out how our city sustainability commissions and cities can support Hennepin County in 2020 to develop an ambitious Climate Action Plan** with initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (including supporting cities to meet the new U.N. GHG targets) and strategies to adapt to our changing climate (while advancing equity)

Commissioner Debbie Goettel

* County’s Climate Resilience Planning Effort
  + Current interdepartmental meetings
  + GHG inventory and climate risk analysis for County operations and roads
  + Regional GHG emissions tracking and reduction – looking holistically county wide with all cities in the county, mitigation and adaptation
* Possible external partners
  + Business Engagement– Environmental Initiative
  + Engaging Developers – MN ULI workshop for developers

Commissioner Marion Greene

* The [Hennepin county climate resilience plan](https://www.hennepin.us/your-government/projects-initiatives/reducing-greenhouse-gas-emissions) we are now developing will focus on county wide GHG emissions and will include ways to expand initiatives within county operations and initiatives that help cities accelerate their work for both mitigation and adaptation.

Leah A Hiniker Hennepin County, Energy Manager

* Seeking to meet our [Hennepin Cool Counties Goal](https://www.hennepin.us/your-government/projects-initiatives/reducing-greenhouse-gas-emissions) to reduce GHG emissions 80% by 2050.
* Currently working on both in house GHG emissions inventory and a county wide GHG emission inventory
* Yes the county will be working holistically to advance high impact initiatives both on county operations and with cities to advance their work – example [Hennepin county Benchmarking collaborative](http://www.hennepin.us/your-government/projects-initiatives/efficient-buildings-collaborative)
* Will be glad to sync up with Met Council resources as they become available to get cities their GHG emissions data and high impact actions to reduce them.

Commissioner Irene Fernando

* Areas of interest as the county develops it climate resilience action plan – infrastructure vulnerabilities, going beyond individual actions to impact large institutions and businesses including Hennepin County’s operations
* Environmental justice, health connections – example lead paint removal from older homes
* Excited about BRT and LRT development including the Bottineau line. Connecting with Districts 1 and 2 where the line will run.
* Supporting the stated policy of the County Board to maintain the .25 % sale tax for transit, unless the boards otherwise.

Michael Ohama, policy director

* Very excited about this overall initiative and all the related initiatives Commissioner Goettel us advancing.

1. **Share the kinds of projects our cities want to work on** individually and together to reduce GHG emissions and adapt to our changing climate (based on the climate mitigation/energy and adaptation/resilience goals cities have adopted in their comp plans, partners in energy plans or climate action plans and the current work plans of their environmental commissions along with [our notes](http://allianceforsustainability.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Jan22NotesWestMetroCitiesClimateConversation.pdf) and feedback from leaders from 14 cities at our Jan 22 gathering)

Each city shared for 5 min about their current climate/energy/resilience/adaptation goals and priority areas.

**Minneapolis** (2 reps)

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Collaboration between Minneapolis and Hennepin County to meet GHG goals will be very welcome on

* Transportation related actions outlined in the new Minneapolis Transportation Action Plan <http://go.minneapolismn.gov/> reprioritizing city right of way (20% of our city’s land area) toward bikes, pedestrians, transit, shared mobility
* Energy Benchmarking collaborative next steps with the largest 11 properties down town that are part of district energy to cut their electricity and natural gas use – 60 million BTUs.
* Resilience – adding green space to absorb the much bigger volumes of rain (rain bombs)
* EJ initiatives with the north and southside green zone work plans soon to be passed by the council
* Accessing 100% renewable energy for city operations by 2025 and city wide by 2030 – will be working with Edina to help additional cities comment on Xcel’s IRP and would welcome additional cities working with Minneapolis to secure additional pathways to provide renewable power to add residents at no additional cost (opt out not opt in) example of Google’s data warehouse near Becker purchasing renewable power directly from large projects developed by Mortensen.
* Development of a Sustainable Building Policy for Minneapolis and advancing state level solutions – adopting the international energy code every three years, to impact building construction statewide.
* Food action plan

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* Very beneficial for additional cities to use the opportunity of their utility franchise agreement negotiations to develop similar partnerships to the Minneapolis Clean Energy Partnership with Xcel and CenterPoint to advance things like – business, multifamily and residential efficiency, inclusive financing options, access to 100% renewables city wide by 2030 etc.
* Community Power MN - Resources and sample talking points available on Xcel’s IRP plans <http://www.communitypowermn.org/our_work>

**Golden Valley** staff **Eric Eckman,** Environmental Resources 763-593-8084 [eeckman@goldenvalleymn.gov](mailto:eeckman@goldenvalleymn.gov)

* Strong resilience section approved in GV’s new 2040 comp plan covering adaptation and mitigation
* Accessing renewable power for city operations
* Energy efficiency improvements with city buildings
* Resilience – **natural environment**, tree planting, pollinator habitat. **Infrastructure** and **vulnerable populations and community preparedness**
* Joining Partners in Energy to develop specific action steps on EE, EVs and renewables
* West End redevelopment area – planned unit developments – developers get points for many green features, on site storm water management, EV charging, building efficiency, solar, green roof, etc.

**Bloomington** - **Joe Strommen,** Sustainability Commission 952-393-2034 [joe.strommen@gmail.com](mailto:joe.strommen@gmail.com)

* Participated with **Partners in Energy** – talking short term actions for EE, PV and EVs in city fleet – with city operations, businesses, residents
* Now working on GHG related **ordinances** with Council **–** Energy Benchmarking (with Leah’s project),
* Working to adopt a Sustainable Building Policy that can impact areas where the city invests funds (like TIF) along the redevelopment areas near the Mall of America and along Lyndale Ave across Bloomington
* Transportation - 2 new EV charging stations, want to make the most of 2 new BRT stops for commuters. Multi-family EE initiative to help apartment owners access utility programs

**Richfield** – **Rachel Lindhom** Sustainability Commission Staff Liaison, 612-861-9188 [rlindholm@richfieldmn.gov](mailto:rlindholm@richfieldmn.gov)

* New sustainability commission has had one meeting so far
* Organics recycling drop off
* Will work to set GHG emissions goals and develop a climate action plan – 5 year plan - specific actions
* EV and city fleet management, Solar on city buildings, Green purchasing with city and waste reduction
* Chloride reduction in winter maintenance
* Resident engagement

**Minnetonka - Jennifer Munt,** (resident volunteer) - Minnetonka Climate Initiative 952-540-7147 [jennifer.munt@outlook.com](mailto:jennifer.munt@outlook.com)

* Priorities include –
  + protecting Minnetonka’s tree canopy – EAB response and tree diversification
  + Chloride reduction on streets, especially near Lake Minnetonka
  + Transit investment – busses, LRT, bike trails, making the areas around the LRT stops bike, walk and transit friendly
* Finishing energy action plan with Partners in Energy. MCI is building resident support for climate action and was able to support the city council to increase the levy by 125k to allow for adding a sustainability coordinator to coordinate implementation of a climate action plan in partnership with a new Sustainability Commission
* MCI did City Council candidate interviews, endorsements and door knocking to win a climate friendly majority and is interviewing County Board Candidates for District 6.

**Plymouth** – **Marita Prokop** Plymouth Environmental Commission [marita.prokop@aim.com](mailto:marita.prokop@aim.com)

* Urban forestry, pollinators, organics collection
* Water quality, impaired water bodies, chloride reduction

1. **Brainstorm and explore ways our cities and Hennepin County can work together to accelerate progress – both to reduce GHG emissions county wide while achieving additional important outcomes**

Given the kinds of projects/initiatives our cities want to work on, and the priority topics for each Commissioner, brainstorm ways the County and cities can work together to accelerate progress?

* On Jan 22 in SLP 60 west metro citizen leaders and/or city staff from 13 cities joined us from Bloomington (4), Chanhassen (2), Edina (8), Eden Prairie (2), Golden Valley (1), Hopkins (1), Minnetonka (10), Minneapolis (10) Plymouth (3), Richfield (2), St. Anthony Village (2), St. Louis Park (7) Wayzata (3)
* **Sean shared** [**our notes**](http://allianceforsustainability.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Jan22NotesWestMetroCitiesClimateConversation.pdf) **SEE PAGES 4 to 6** on **priority actions** from Jan 22 that leaders from 14 Hennepin Co cities expressed interest to learn about and potentially work together on **Energy Supply, Buildings, Transportation** posted here [www.afors.org/resilientcities/westmetro](http://www.afors.org/resilientcities/westmetro)

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| **High Impact Actions for Low Carbon Cities**  **Jan 22 West Metro Cities Climate Action Conversation** (@ SLP Council Chambers)  **Notes on high-impact city & county actions cities wanted to learn about & potentially collaborate on Resilient Cities and Communities Coalition** www.afors.org/resilientcities/westmetro  Sean Gosiewski, Executive Director, Alliance for Sustainability 612-250-0389 [Sean@afors.org](mailto:Sean@afors.org)  **Additional Resources –** [USDN High Impact Actions](https://www.usdn.org/uploads/cms/documents/usdn_hips_update_-_september_2018_final.pdf) MN GreenSteps [High-Impact Sample Policies](https://greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/page/ordinances) |
| **Low Carbon Transportation/Land Use** ([High Impact Actions](http://allianceforsustainability.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/TransportationTopicResourcesJan22WestMetroCities.pdf)) Resource Handout  **Priorities from the Small Group Conversation and Surveys** |
| Priority 1. **Chloride Reduction** - Reduce winter salt use on roads, parking lots and sidewalks through cities & Hennepin County   * Learn more (9) Potentially collaborate with other cities (5) * Supporting the MN legislature to pass the **Stop Over-salting bill** to reduce liability for trained private contractors that document their steps <http://stopoversalting.org/> * **Work with Cargill** to promote use of their **new innovative products** with cities and counties <https://www.cargill.com/industrial/winter-road-maintenance/clearlane-enhanced-deicer>   Priority 2. **Plan for successful & equitable in-fill redevelopment** - Net Zero, Equitable, Walkable, TOD   * Learn more (11) Potentially collaborate with other cities (2) * **Plan for successful & equitable in-fill redevelopment** – Hennepin County convening cities that are planning for, updating their zoning and ordinances and recruiting private developers to talk about how they can enable through zoning ordinance changes, up-zoning, sustainable building policies, affordable housing zoning overlays, advanced building methods and innovative financing (PACE, corridor wide TIF) * **Inclusive, Affordable, Mixed use Transit Oriented Development** * **Net Zero/ Sustainable/ SB 2030 Building** Construction (lower energy costs) * **Transit, bike, walk accessible with shared mobility options** (reduce transportation costs) * **Brooklyn Center** is looking for assistance on this for their re-development of 22 acres and the old Brookdale Shopping Center   Priority 3. **Support sustained state, regional & county transit investments. Reprioritize spending.**   * Learn more (8) Potentially collaborate with other cities (4) * **Protect Hennepin County Transit Investment Funds -** Maintain and plan for transit investment in future BRT and LRT lines from the .25% sales tax increase for transit ([MPR Story](https://www.mprnews.org/story/2017/06/06/hennepin-county-half-cent-sales-tax-transit)) * **Ask Hennepin Co. Commissioners to vote no on March 19 to re-allocating** some county **transit funds** (future Bottineau line) **to road expansion** on Plymouth Ave ([Star Tribune Story](http://www.startribune.com/hennepin-county-may-shift-some-sales-tax-dollars-from-transit-to-roads-until-new-trains-are-running/566394452/)) * Likely that Mayor Hoveland from Edina would sign on to a letter making this request * Enable free fairs on metro transit busses, BRT and LRT through increased transit investment * Last mile connection resources for SWLRT (Minnetonka)   Priority 4. **Prioritize pedestrians, bikes, transit in public right of ways** complete streets, reconstruction   * Learn more (6) Potentially collaborate with other cities (4) * City and Hennepin County Pedestrian, Bike and Trail Plans, Active Living Hennepin Communities * Edina will continue implementing their Living Streets plans – sidewalks, trails, etc.   Action 5. **Support increased adoption of Electric Vehicles** - City Fleets, E.V. Charging Ordinance   * Learn more (2) Potentially collaborate with other cities (6) * GPI – Cities Charging Ahead, (communities tab) [www.driveelectricmn.org/cities-charging-ahead/](https://www.driveelectricmn.org/cities-charging-ahead/) MN DOT/MPCA and Xcel Energy * Support $8 million request for legislature to electrify Metro Transit Busses   Action 6. **Shared Mobility** - joint powers agreement between cities to regulate shared mobility   * Learn more (7) Potentially collaborate with other cities (4) * Contact the Twin Cities Shared Mobility Collaborative <https://www.tcsharedmobility.org/about>   Action 6. **Quantify GHG emissions from Transportation & Prioritize High Impact Actions cities can take**   * Learn more (4) Potentially collaborate with other cities (2) * Current Met Council Project – with resources to be announced soon * **Mauricio León,** Metropolitan Council Senior Researcher, Regional Indicators 651 602-1146 [mauricio.leon@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:mauricio.leon@metc.state.mn.us) in 2020 and 2021, the Met Council will add ***Metro Climate Stats***and a ***Scenario Planning tools*** *to the***Energy and resilience planning resources** provided to cities during comp planning <https://metrocouncil.org/Handbook/Plan-Elements/Resilience.aspx> * **Metro cities will receive their community wide GHG data in mid-2020** from the Met Council (electricity, natural gas, VMT, water use, solid waste, etc.) <https://metrocouncil.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Committee-of-the-Whole/2019/05-01-19/Creating-tools-for-Climate-Change-PPT.aspx> * **Sample Strategy Lists/ VMT Reduction Scenario Planning Tools for metro cities** - coming in 2021 from Met Council and Center Healthy Sustainable Cities [www.sustainablehealthycities.org/](http://www.sustainablehealthycities.org/) |
| **Efficient/ High Performance Buildings** ([High Impact Actions](http://allianceforsustainability.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/BuildingsTopicResourcesJan22WestMetro.pdf)) Resource Handout  **Priorities from the Small Group Conversation and Surveys** |
| Priority 1. **Adopt an Energy Benchmarking Ordinance**   * Learn more (9) Potentially collaborate with other cities (9) * **Hennepin Co. Efficient Buildings Collaborative** with **Minneapolis, Edina, SLP** (more cities welcome! [www.hennepin.us/your-government/projects-initiatives/efficient-buildings-collaborative](http://www.hennepin.us/your-government/projects-initiatives/efficient-buildings-collaborative) * Leah Hiniker, Energy Manager, Hennepin County 612-543-1219 [leah.hiniker@hennepin.us](mailto:leah.hiniker@hennepin.us)   Priority 2. **Adopt a Sustainable Building Policy** - high performance construction with city investment   * Learn more (9) Potentially collaborate with other cities (9) * **City of Minneapolis – Sustainable Building Policy** is being developed in 2020 building upon St. Paul’s policy while adding specific requirements for **City Buildings , Commercial, Multi-family –** private and nonprofit **Single Family Contact:** Luke Hollenlamp 673-2349 [luke.hollenkamp@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:luke.hollenkamp@minneapolismn.gov) * **City of St. Paul –** [**Sustainable Building Policies**](https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/planning-economic-development/economic-development/sustainable-building-policy)Kurt Schultz**,** 651 266-6590 [kurt.schultz@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:kurt.schultz@ci.stpaul.mn.us)   Priority 3. **Support Legislation or Statewide Policy Improvements** for better new construction   * Learn more (10) Potentially collaborate with other cities (8) * **Option 1 - New Legislation -** Optional Advanced Performance Building Standard MN Cities Can Adopt – <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/tdr-fg15-01.pdf> * **Option 2 - Update Statewide Building Energy Code sooner** [www.energycodes.gov/adoption/states/minnesota](http://www.energycodes.gov/adoption/states/minnesota) * Brian Hoffman, SLP, Building and Energy Director: 952.924.2584 [bhoffman@stlouispark.org](mailto:bhoffman@stlouispark.org) * Stacy Miller, Energy Policy, City of Minneapolis 612 673-3110 [stacy.miller@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:stacy.miller@minneapolismn.gov)   Priority 4. **New Buildings - Educating Developers** Xcel design assistance, PACE $ for Construction   * Learn more (7) Potentially collaborate with other cities (8) * **St. Paul Port Authority** – energy efficient & Net Zero commercial building construction and PACE Financing for New Construction for better building envelopes and HVAC [www.sppa.com](http://www.sppa.com) * **MN ULI –** [**Re-Development Ready Guide**](https://minnesota.uli.org/get-involved/advisory-services/best-practice-resources/redevelopment-ready-guide-2/) **Xcel –** [**Energy Design Assistance**](http://www.xcelenergy.com/programs_and_rebates/business_programs_and_rebates/new_construction_and_whole_building/energy_design_assistance) **(EDA)** * **Trillion BTU Fund** [www.sppa.com/energy-financing/trillion-btu](http://www.sppa.com/energy-financing/trillion-btu)Require building for assessed need * **Edina** [Updated Policy on New Multifamily Housing](file:///C:\Users\Sean\Documents\2021_RCC\Hennepin\hwww.edinamn.gov\DocumentCenter\View\6195\Policy-on-New-Multi-family-Affordable-Housing-PDF)Steph Hawkinson 952-833-9578 [shawkinson@edinamn.gov](mailto:shawkinson@edinamn.gov)   Priority 6. Comment at the MN PUC & Legislature to **improve low income access to Utility Conservation Improvement Programs** (CIP) Learn more (5) Potentially collaborate with other cities (5 )  Priority 7. **Truth in Sale of Housing Inspections** (adding an energy audit & energy score) Learn more (1)  Priority 8. **Combine multi-family Energy Improvements with 4d Affordable Housing Tax Incentives.** Did not have time to discuss this one on Jan 22 |

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| **Clean Energy Supply** - ([High Impact Actions](http://allianceforsustainability.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/EnergyTopicResourcesJan22WestMetroCities.pdf)) Resource Handout  **Priorities the Small Group Conversation and Surveys** |
| Priority 1**. Procuring Renewable Energy for City Operations**   * Learn more (10) Potentially collaborate with other cities **(8)** * **Community Solar Gardens –** <https://www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org/solargardens> * **Solar Possible** - [www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org/joint-procurement-solar-energy](http://www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org/joint-procurement-solar-energy) Peter Lindstrom MN CERTs, (612) 625-9634 plindstr@umn.edu * **Renewable Energy Procurement Cohort** – CERTS, GPI Collaborative purchasing (Edina)   Priority 2. **Expanding Rooftop Solar within City** Businesses, Institutions (schools), Residents   * Learn more (15) Potentially collaborate with other cities **(8)** * **Adopt SolSmart policies & ordinances –** [**link**](https://www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org/become-designated-solar-friendly-community) **Cameran Bailey**, SolSmart Met Council 651.602.1212 [cameran.bailey@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:cameran.bailey@metc.state.mn.us) * **Provide Solar Feasibility Studies** to businesses & institutions with the best roof tops in your city [Maplewood Case Study](http://palebluedot.llc/carbon-copy/2018/12/13/re-energize-maplewood-solar-potentials-study) – Providing Solar feasibility studies for 50 businesses * **Solar bulk purchasing campaigns** <https://www.midwestrenew.org/solargroupbuy/>   Priority 3. **Cities Commenting on Xcel’s Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) in April, May, June –**   * Learn more (8) Potentially collaborate with other cities **(6)** * **Purpose:** Access community-wide clean power sooner. Retire coal faster, limit new natural gas plants, increase distributed generation and demand response   **Next Steps –** in April/May **Stacy Miller** and **Tara Brown** will offer several webinars to support additional cities to participate in contributing comments after Xcel provides their updated IRP in April   * Create a shared letter to the MN PUC and Xcel that cities can sign on to * **Minneapolis - Stacy Miller**, Energy Policy 612 673-3110 [stacy.miller@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:stacy.miller@minneapolismn.gov) * **Edina - Tara Brown** Sustainability Coordinator, 952 826-1621 [tbrown@edinamn.gov](mailto:tbrown@edinamn.gov) * **Xcel** <https://www.xcelenergy.com/company/rates_and_regulations/resource_plan_overview> * **Fresh Energy** <https://fresh-energy.org/tag/xcel-energy/>   Priority 3. **Additional Cities Helping with City of Minneapolis 100% Renewable Energy Resolution**   * Learn more (7) Potentially collaborate with other cities **(6)** * **Contact** Stacy Miller, City of Minneapolis 612 673-3110 [stacy.miller@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:stacy.miller@minneapolismn.gov) * Example project (suggested by Dan K) Renewable Energy Contract of Google Data Hub in Becker, MN to buy power from large projects Mortenson Construction is developing   The [resolution](http://lims.minneapolismn.gov/Download/RCA/4338/100%20renewables%20resolution%20final.pdf) establishes renewable electricity definitions, priorities, progress metrics, and next steps. City staff have created a municipal operations [report](http://lims.minneapolismn.gov/Download/RCA/1608/wcmsp-203626.pdf) on expected future electricity consumption and a follow-up [blueprint](https://lims.minneapolismn.gov/Download/RCA/2357/Blueprint%20for%20renewable%20by%202022%20final.pdf) on paths toward 100% renewable electricity municipal operations. Read the City’s [blueprint](https://lims.minneapolismn.gov/Download/RCA/2357/Blueprint%20for%20renewable%20by%202022%20final.pdf) for achieving this goal. <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/sustainability/buildings-energy/WCMSP-210721>  Priority 4. **Support Legislation** (2021) **to Continue Xcel Energy’s Solar Rewards**   * Learn more (10) Potentially collaborate with other cities **(5)** * This is important to maintain and expand incentives for rooftop PV solar (distributed generation) * To enable cities to succeed in meeting their local renewable energy production goals * **Contact** Stacy Miller, City of Minneapolis 612 673-3110 stacy.miller@minneapolismn.gov   Priority 5. **Solar Ready Building Construction** (City, businesses, multifamily) require wiring to roof, etc.   * Learn more (8) Potentially collaborate with other cities **(5)**   Priority 6. **Support Legislation** (2020 Centerpoint Energy) **to advance renewable natural** gas via PUC   * (Was not discussed on Jan 22) CenterPoint Energy Proposes Natural Gas Innovation Act seeks to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and advance Minnesota's clean energy future [LINK for more info](https://electricenergyonline.com/article/energy/category/biofuel/83/816491/centerpoint-energy-proposes-bipartisan-clean-energy-legislation.html) * Al Swintek, Government Relations Centerpoint (612) 321-4799 albert.swintek@CenterPointEnergy.com |

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| **Notes and Next Steps - West Metro Cities Climate Action Conversation with Environmental Commissions Volunteers**  **Priority high-impact city & county actions cities wanted to learn about & potentially collaborate on**  **Wednesday January 22, 6:30 pm to 8:30** pm at  **St. Louis Park City Hall** (Council Chambers) 5005 Minnetonka Blvd, St Louis Park, MN 55416  *Co-Hosted by the St. Louis Park ESC Commission and Resilient Cities and Communities.* | |
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| **Notes** – 60 west metro citizen leaders and/or city staff from 13 cities joined us from Bloomington (4), Chanhassen (2), Edina (8), Eden Prairie (2), Golden Valley (1), Hopkins (1), Minnetonka (10), Minneapolis (10) Plymouth (3), Richfield (2), St. Anthony Village (2), St. Louis Park (7) Wayzata (3)  **Priority actions** (pages 2 to 4) participants were interested **Participant list (**pages 5 to 6)  6:00 p.m. **Student Commissioners, High School Environmental Club leader** **gathering**  6:30 p.m. **Welcome from Council Member Larry Kraft, City of St. Louis Park**  **Brief updates from Cities** on their 2020 Environmental Commission work plans  7:00 p.m. **Small Group Conversations** to **review** **high impact actions** our cities can take to achieve our GHG reduction goals, and **brainstorm ways our cities can work together.**   * **Clean Energy Supply** ([High Impact Actions](http://allianceforsustainability.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/EnergyTopicResourcesJan22WestMetroCities.pdf)) Resource Handout Erin Niehoff & Stacy Miller - Mpls, Dan Katzenberger - Eden Prairie with Nicki Nicole Ciulla, St. Louis Park * **Efficient Buildings** ([High Impact Actions](http://allianceforsustainability.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/BuildingsTopicResourcesJan22WestMetro.pdf)) Resource HandoutTim Sandry - Bloomington, Leah Hiniker - Hennepin County with John Dunlop, Minneapolis, * **Transportation**  ([High Impact Actions](http://allianceforsustainability.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/TransportationTopicResourcesJan22WestMetroCities.pdf)) Resource HandoutJennifer Munt - Mtka, Brian Ross, GPI,   8:00 p.m. **Planning Our Next Steps** – Share small group insights. Plan ways to stay in touch.  8:30 p.m. **Networking -** New environmental commissions can meet experienced commissions   * Hennepin County Developing a Climate Resiliency and Adaptation Plan ([handout](https://www.hennepin.us/-/media/hennepinus/your-government/projects-initiatives/documents/climate-action-plan-approach.pdf?la=en&hash=CC7A589FB9E676A18DBBB5AE7A1346AAC798E22C)) | |

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* John Crampton Bloomington Sustainability Coalition IKES
* David Drummond Bloomington Sustainability Commission Commissioner
* Joseph Strommen Bloomington Sustainability Commission Commissioner
* Emma Struss City of Bloomington Sustainability Coordinator
* Jared Galligan Champlin ERC Chair
* Jeff Harken Chanhassen Env. Commis. Commissioner
* Greg Hawks Chanhassen Env. Commis. Commissioner
* Andrea Sit Chanhassen Community volunteer
* Rae Farley Eden Prairie, RCCC, West Metro Alliance Intern
* Daniel Katzenberger Eden Prairie, Conservation Commission, Energy/Carbon Team Lead
* Mindy Ahler Edina Transportation Commission Member
* Michelle Horan Edina Energy & Environment Commission Member
* Ana Martinez Edina Energy & Environment Commission Student Commissioner
* Chloe Maynor Edina High School Project Earth Club
* Chuck Prentice Edina Energy & Environment Commission EEC Outreach Committee
* Lauren Satterlee Edina Energy & Environment Commission Co-Chair
* Bill Sierks Edina Energy & Environment Commission Past Commissioner
* Paul Thompson Cool Planet, Citizens Climate Lobby EEC Outreach Committee
* Michelle Meek Community Volunteer Community Volunteer
* Molly Cummings Metropolitan Council Member District 5
* Joseph Ramlet Golden Valley Environmental Commission Student Commissioner (Hopkins H.S.)
* John Dunlop MN Renewable Energy Society Engineer
* Marianna Hefte Minneapolis CEAC Student Commissioner
* Stacy Miller City of Minneapolis Sustainability Program staff
* Erin Niehoff Minneapolis CEAC Chair
* Koral Purdy Bottineau Neighborhood Volunteer
* Kyle Samejima Mpls Climate Action Exec Dir.Kara Thate Minneapolis, Midtown Phillips
* Anthony Varriano Minneapolis CEAC Commissioner
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* Brian Golob Minnetonka MCI Community volunteer
* Heather Holm Minnetonka MCI Pollinators & Habitat Restoration
* Jennifer Munt Minnetonka MCI
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* Adaline Shinkle Minnetonka MCI Community volunteer
* Carol Schwartzkoff Minnetonka MCI Community volunteer
* Elizabeth Westlind Minnetonka High School Student Leader
* Clark Gregor Plymouth ERC Vice-Chair
* Andy Polzin Plymouth ERC Commissioner
* Marita Prokop Plymouth ERC Commissioner
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* Mia Simpson City of Richfield & Richfield Social Justice Community Arts Commissioner
* Ben Whalen Richfield Sustainability Commission City Council
* Lona Doolan Citizens for Sustainability volunteer
* Dan Kunitz Citizens for Sustainability volunteer
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