

Happy **Earth Week** GreenStep City staff and volunteer leaders!

THANKS for your RSVPS to participate in our **Community Engagement Peer-Learning Cohort (CEC) with Greenstep Cities!** Please mark your calendars for our confirmed dates and times for our three sessions.

- **Session One Thurs April 29 1:30 to 3pm Engaging Residents and Businesses** [Zoom Link](#) [RSVP LINK](#)
- **Session Two Tues May 18 1:30 to 3pm Developing & Sustaining Community** [Zoom Link](#) [RSVP LINK](#)
- **Session Three Tues June 15 1:30 to 3pm Effective Environmental Commissions** [Zoom Link](#) [RSVP LINK](#)

You can read more about each of the sessions here www.rccmn.co/commissions/

I'll also send you an Outlook Calendar Invitation. No worries if you can't join us for one of the sessions. We will record the sessions, take good notes and share them with you & you can still do the exercises.

All are welcome! Please invite other interested staff, commission volunteers and elected leaders. If they can't join us during a session invite them to do the worksheets with you or another leader from the city and share their insights Our CEC Learning Cohort in the google notes doc for each session. Please call or email me with any questions! See you next Thursday April 29 at 1:30pm on zoom for our first session. Thanks! Sean, Phil & Kristin

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[GreenStep Best Practice #24 Benchmarks and Community Engagement Actions 24.1, 24.4, 24.5, 24.6, 24.7;](#)

Session Descriptions & Zoom Links www.rccmn.co/commissions/

Session One Engaging Residents and Businesses in Taking Action: [Actions 24.4 & 24.5](#)

- **Thurs April 29 1:30 to 3pm** [ZOOM LINK](#) [Session One Agenda/Notes](#) [Resources](#) [RSVP LINK](#)
- **B.P. Action 24.4. Conduct or support a broad sustainability education and action campaign.**
- **Which of your city goals** depend on residents & businesses taking action? (energy, water, recycling)
- **Who** can work on this – city staff, environmental commission, partners, etc.
- **How** to reach and engage people & businesses? Community Based Social Marketing Worksheet
- **Overview of sample behavior change campaigns** (everyone will share and add to our list)
- **Community Visioning/Planning Initiatives** – Appreciative Inquiry, Partners in Energy, etc. [B.P. Action 24.5.](#)

Session Two Developing and Sustaining Community Partnerships [Actions 24.6 & 24.7](#)

Tues May 18 1:30 to 3pm [Zoom Link](#) [Session Two Agenda/Notes](#) [Session Two Resources](#) [RSVP LINK](#)

- **Community Asset Mapping** (Large Group Conversation, Worksheet, Small Group Practice)
- **Strengthening relationships/partnerships with BIPOC Communities.** Inclusive community engagement.
- **Youth engagement** and supporting student leaders serving on city commissions

Session Three Best Practices for Effective Environmental Commissions [Action 24.1](#)

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- **Strengthening communication** between City Commissions, City Staff Green Team & your City Council
- **Accelerating and going deeper with implementation**
 - **Integrating equity considerations** into your actions/policies/projects - Bloomington Example
 - **RCC County Clusters** – Hennepin Co. example: cities will collaborate with County departments to implement their new [Hennepin Co. Climate Action Plan](#). www.rccmn.co/hennepin-communities/