



#BuildBackBetter

Welcome to our **Monthly RCC Updates** for city & county staff, elected & citizen leaders. Send us your updates & resources to share! **November Updates** rccmn.co/topics/rcc-november-updates/
Please **RSVP to join us on Nov 15 & Dec 2** & invite others! rccmn.co/build-back-better/

THANKS! **Sean Gosiewski**, Executive Director, RCC, 612 250-0389 sean@rccmn.co www.rccmn.co

City-County Collaborative Climate Action

with **American Rescue Plan Funds** [Face Book Event](#)

Monday November 15 6:30pm to 8:00pm [Please RSVP](#) to receive the **Zoom Link**

Explore with volunteers active with City Commissions & citizen coalition ways our cities & counties can make the most of remaining Federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds for economic recovery, affordable housing, public health, resilience & workforce development.

6:30pm Reps from each community will share updates on their current sustainability & climate activities & accomplishments from 2021 and hopes for 2022.

7:00pm County Cluster Conversations – Meet & share with leaders active in nearby cities about your 2021 activities & 2022 plans. Explore ways cities & your county can team up to meet your 2030 climate goals on time (including wisely investing Federal APR & BBB funds.)

7:30pm Topic Conversations – Meet topic resource people & share ways we can advance equity & low-carbon & resilient energy, buildings, transportation, infrastructure & natural areas.



City-County Collaborative Climate Action with **Build Back Better Funds**

Thursday December 2 on Zoom Conversation – Join us at 1pm or 6:30pm

with city & county staff, elected & citizen leaders. [AGENDA](#) [Face Book](#)

Please RSVP to receive the zoom Link (& change of date if BBB funds are not yet approved)

Thurs 12/2 Afternoon 1pm to 2:30pm [RSVP](#) **Thurs 12/2 Evening 6:30pm to 8:00pm** [RSVP](#)

- **Briefing and Q and A on Build Back Better Climate Funding** - Dr. Peter Wyckoff, Energy and Environment Policy Advisor, Office of Senator Tina Smith
- **Topic Conversations** – Transportation (E.V. Infrastructure, transit) Renewable Energy, Energy Efficient Housing, Climate Resilience, Green Jobs/Workforce Development



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Minnetonka Climate Initiative



Empowering citizens



MN BIPOC Local Electeds

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- Send events, updates & resources to Sean Gosiewski, Executive Director, RCC, 612 250-0389 sean@rccmn.co

Action Alert

- [Ask Congress to Approve the Build Back Better Package](#) – Including 555 Billion in Climate Investments

RCC Fall Events

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- **Thurs Nov 18** Give MN Day [Support RCC's Work](#) supporting [citizen coalitions](#) & [City Commissions](#) & local climate action

November Events

- **Nov 3** (Recording) [MCEA COP26 Panel Discussion](#): Designing an equitable carbon-free future in Minnesota & Midwest
- **Mon NOV 8** 6pm to 7pm [The American Rescue Plan: How are local governments stepping up?](#) Facebook Live Stream
- **Mon NOV 8** 7pm to 8:30pm “Achieving Drawdown: Dr. Jonathan Foley, [RSVP](#) [Flyer](#)
- **Wed Nov 17** Noon **Debriefing COP26 with J. Drake Hamilton**, (Zoom) [RSVP](#) [Event Page](#) Fresh Energy [COP26 Blog](#)
- **Upcoming [MN GreenStep City Workshops](#)**
 - **Nov. 17** - 9-11am: [New Approaches to Parking Management](#)
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New Resources

- **2021 Green Team Guide** https://greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/2021-09/GreenTeamGuide_2021_BP24_0.pdf
- **City Commissions Guide [Addressing the Sustainability Gap in the Development Process](#)**
- **Guide for Cities [Approaches to Parking Management](#)**
- **Excellent Recorded Workshops <https://mngreenstepcities.blogspot.com>**
 - o [Sept 22 Workshop on Equitable Community Engagement](#)
 - o [Oct 20 Workshop How City Commissions can Advance Sustainability](#)

RCC Updates rccmn.co/blog/

- Introducing our Network's new name & focus **Resilient Communities Coalition** rccmn.co/about/
- *WELCOME to RCC's new Board Members and THANK YOU to our outgoing Founding Board Members*

[Ask your Congress Member to Approve the Build Back Better Package](#)

Contact your MN Representative and Senators today to approve the Build Back Better budget & Infrastructure Bill

- Including the proposed [555 billion in Climate Investments](#)
- **Minnesota Members of Congress** <https://mn.gov/portal/government/federal/minnesota-delegation.jsp>
- **Current Update the Vote in Congress** <https://www.nytimes.com/live/2021/11/05/us/biden-spending-infrastructure-bill>

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- Citizen leaders and youth are invited to support your City Council pass the resolution & join the effort!
- **Learn more** by contacting Larry Kraft, St. Louis Park City Council Member, larrykraft@gmail.com or Lola Schoenrich GPI lschoenrich@gpisd.net

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On Zoom Panel discussion hosted by Hennepin County Commissioner Chris LaTondresse w/ Congressman Dean Phillips, Wayzata Mayor Johanna Mouton, and Hopkins Superintendent Dr. Rhoda Mhiripiri-Reed. **WHO:** Everyone is invited! **WHAT:** How are leaders in local government approaching these once-in-a-generation investments? [Take the Survey: Shape Hennepin's Recovery](#)



Mon NOV 8 7pm to 8:30pm **"Achieving Drawdown: A Hopeful, Science-Based Approach to Stop Climate Change."** Dr. Jonathan Foley, Executive Director of [Project Drawdown](#). Free Zoom webinar.



**PROJECT
DRAWDOWN**

[Register early!](#) If it fills up it will be co-broadcast live on YouTube, via link posted [HERE](#). Explore the [Project Drawdown](#) website for "Climate Solutions 101," six short videos hosted by Jonathan Foley. This event is co-hosted by the [MN Chapter Climate Reality Project Chapter](#), and by the Climate & EJ team at [Plymouth Congregational Church](#) in Mpls,

Wed Nov 17 Noon [Debriefing COP26 with J. Drake Hamilton](#), on (Zoom) [Register here!](#) 200 countries are meeting in Glasgow for the global climate summit, or [COP26](#), the U.N. Climate Change Conference. Fresh Energy's Senior Science Policy Director J. Drake Hamilton is attending the summit and sharing real time updates <https://fresh-energy.org/cop26> and is giving a re-cap on what happened and what it means for MN



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 - o The [2020 edition](#) focused on [BP action 1.1 \(B3 Benchmarking\)](#) and [BP 6 \(Comprehensive Plans\)](#).
 - o This 2021 Guide tackles [BP 24: Benchmarks and Community Engagement](#).
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RCC Updates (see below) rccmn.co/blog/

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WELCOME to RCC's new **Board Members**

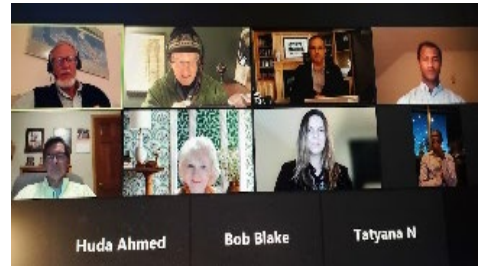
- **Ian Oundo** Member, Coon Rapids, Sustainability Commission,
- **Huda Ahmed** (Blaine) Founder, Transformational Solutions ,
- **Daniel Katzenberger** Member, Eden Prairie Sustainability Commission,
- **Leo Ndiaye** (Mpls) Coordinator, MN BIPOC Local Elected Leaders Network,
- **Mia Simpson** (Mpls) Member, NENA & Richfield Arts Commission,

A BIG THANK YOU to our outgoing Founding Board Members - Jenifer Munt, Phil Muessig, Robert Blake, Asad Aliweyd and Tatyana Nelima!

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1/22/20 [Hennepin Cities Climate Action Conversation](#) in SLP



April [MN BIPOC Local Elected Network](#) meeting in Brooklyn Center