

Working Together:

Creating Climate Resilient Strategies at the Local Level

Climate change is not just a national concern. A lot of work can be done at the local level to make our cities more resilient. This workshop will bring national experts and local leaders together to discuss how our work is likely to be affected by climate change, and things we can do to prepare our communities to withstand the impacts of severe weather and climate change.

Featuring climatologists from **University of Michigan's Climate Center** and **Ellen Anderson**, Director of the University of Minnesota's Energy Transition Lab and former Minnesota State Senator

Event Details

Who: Local government staff and elected/appointed officials who are interested in learning about sustainable initiatives related to the climate

Including those who work in public works, emergency management, streets, natural resources, recycling, parks, planning/development, fire, etc.

When: Thursday, Sept. 24 from 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

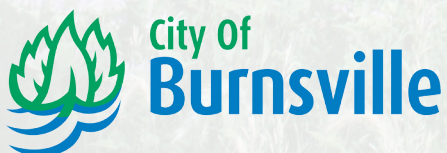
Where: Eagan Community Center
1501 Central Parkway, Eagan, Minn.

Cost: FREE — breakfast and lunch are provided



Register by Thursday, Sept. 17 at www.burnsville.org/climateworkshop

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Climate Resiliency Workshop Agenda

September 24, 2015

Eagan Community Center

7:30 – 8 a.m.	Light Breakfast & Registration
8 – 8:15 a.m.	Welcome & Introduction: Overview of the day (Sue Bast, Environmental Specialist – City of Burnsville)
8:15 – 9 a.m.	Climate Change Overview: Changes that have already occurred, things that are projected to change (B.J. Baule, Climatologist – University of Michigan Climate Center)
9 – 9:15 a.m.	Pre-Workshop Survey Results (Beth Gibbons, Director – University of Michigan Climate Center)
9:15 – 9:35 a.m.	Working Together to Effect Change: Discussion on how departments and local governments can find synergy to create climate resilient strategies (Paul Moss, Climate Adaptation Coordinator – Minnesota Pollution Control Agency)
9:35 – 10:30 a.m.	Small Group Discussion: Participants will break into small groups to discuss survey results and the challenges/opportunities in their work <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Built Environment (Laura Millberg, Principal Planner, Sustainable Development, Climate Resilience – Minnesota Pollution Control Agency)• Planning (Patrick Boylan, Sector Representative – Metropolitan Council)• Green Infrastructure (Anne Gelbmann, Low Impact Development Coordinator – Minnesota Pollution Control Agency)• Adaptation & Civic Engagement (Beth Gibbons, Director – University of Michigan Climate Center)
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 – 11:15 a.m.	Report Back from Small Groups (facilitated by Sue Bast, Environmental Specialist – City of Burnsville)
11:15 – 11:45 a.m.	Benefits of Collaboration on a Regional Level: Discussion on how to work with partners such as Regional Council of Mayors, League of Minnesota Cities, University of Minnesota and others. Ideas on how to track and share progress (Ellen Anderson, Executive Director – Energy Transition Lab, University of Minnesota Law School)
11:45 a.m. – noon	Closing Comments & Next Steps (Sue Bast, Environmental Specialist – City of Burnsville)
Noon – 12:30 p.m.	Lunch

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