Creating a Resilient Region: The Central Minnesota Sustainable Development Plan

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OPPORTUNITIES
- PROJECT PLANNING FORM
- PREFERRED SUSTAINABILITY STATUS
  (see handouts)

How to be involved?

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Survey
- Eight respondents
- Seven Utility Companies
- One Housing / Redevelopment Authority.

Number of Members served
- 1 serves: 0-999
- 2 serve: 1,000 – 4,999
- 2 serve: 5,000 – 9,999
- 2 serve: 10,000 – 49,999
- 1 serves: 50,000 +
Services Provided

- Energy Efficiency Education: 85.7%
- Energy Efficiency Rebates: 100%
- Renewable Energy Rebates: 28.6%
- Energy Efficiency Loans: 42.9%
- Renewable Energy Incentives: 28.6%
- Energy Management Services: 57.1%
- Build Energy Efficient Homes: 14.3%
- Provide Weatherization services: 0%

Programs specific to Low Income

- Yes: 75%
- No: 25%

Which Programs?

1. Low income Housing section 8
2. Work with Local CAPs on Weatherization
3. Several programs through local CAPs
4. Grant program with local HRA to target low income properties they manage.
5. Energy Awareness Expo and Energy Partners
6. Funding to CAPs for weatherization as well as funding member improvement projects directly.

What Orgs do you collaborate with?

- Utility Companies: 57.1%
- Community Action Programs: 71.4%
- Central MN Housing Partnership: 14.3%
- Habitat for Humanity organizations: 42.9%
- Housing and Redevelopment Authorities: 28.6%
- Economic Development Practitioners: 28.6%
- Division of Energy Resources: 14.3%
- Clean Energy Resource Teams: 28.6%
- Region Five Development Commission: 28.6%
- Renewable Energy Companies: 28.6%
- Energy Management Companies: 57.1%
- Energy Education Companies: 14.3%

General Topics around collaboration you would like to discuss

1. Low income HVAC Installation
2. CAP Agencies and How $s is spent on weatherization
3. Education Efforts, single point source for information
4. Helpful to Develop plans for collaboration that address specific goals within the region.

Discussions around Collaborations

- Fill out Post it and put it up
- We can do up to three topics at a time
- We can do two sets of discussions
The Nominal Process

- Use Go-Rounds
- Everyone has an opportunity to speak once before anyone speaks twice
- Respect every one’s contributions
- No side conversations

Record Answers on sheet on tables

Questions

- What is the issue?
- Who can be involved?
- What are the benefits?
- What are the cautions?

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Next Steps

- Go to a topic of interest
- Discuss Next Steps with Others
- Brief report out to group

Record Next steps

Wrap Up

- Thanks!
- Complete Evaluation
- Upcoming Events, December 15th
- Lunch

Group Discussion Summary

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<td>1. Start an energy saving contest for residents. 2. Offer incentives for low income. 3. Create a program for energy audits.</td>
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<td>How do we work with CEE to do neighborhood energy challenge?</td>
<td>1. Using existing partnerships to leverage community resources.</td>
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<td>What are additional opportunities to speed low income decline?</td>
<td>1. Utilities will be the program they have for low income. 2. Target group homes and programs serving low income residents.</td>
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<td>How do we communicate their information on commercial building projects?</td>
<td>1. Utilities will get the information from the local utility. 2. The utility will pass it on to the community. 3. Utilize pull-downs for information</td>
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<td>1. Establish a data base. 2. Get clarity from local and state agencies.</td>
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<td>How do we connect partnerships between cities and gas utilities?</td>
<td>1. Investor Owned Gas utilities and local Consolidated Regional utilities.</td>
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<td>Commercial, industrial, agricultural - how do we help these efficient businesses?</td>
<td>1. Establish a data base so that programs can be streamlined.</td>
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