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SEPTEMBER 15, 2012



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Saturday, September 15, 2012

10:00 AM	Share Fair Commences!
10:15 AM	Welcome, Introductions, Keynote Address,
11:00 AM	First Series of Connection Seminars
12:30 PM	Second Series of Connection Seminars
1:45 PM	Third Series of Connection Seminars
3:00 PM	Tour of GreenRise Uptown
4:00 PM	Share Fair Ends

Master of Ceremonies: Lisa Parker, NBC Chicago

**Keynote Speaker: Karen Weigert,
Chief Sustainability Officer, City of Chicago**



To All Participants,

Thank you very much for taking part in the city-wide "Sharing Approaches That Work" conference held at Truman College on Saturday, September 15. This is an important event within a three-year project, Accelerate 77, for Accelerating Green Initiatives in Chicago's 77 Community Areas.

During the past year, more than 200 students and interns from 16 universities have been working with other volunteers to identify and document local sustainability initiatives across the entire city. To our knowledge, this is the first time such comprehensive information from all 77 communities has been gathered in one place. Over 600 initiatives are now in the database which will soon be available on the Accelerate 77 website, www.accelerate77.net.

An alliance of partner organizations and supporters has helped to make this happen. As the organizing sponsor, Accelerate 77 is a fitting undertaking by the Institute of Cultural Affairs during our 50th Anniversary celebration, which is occurring this year. Your efforts and participation will help ensure the success of the "Sharing Approaches That Work" conference and, more importantly, will accelerate the impact of community sustainability initiatives throughout Chicago.

Sincerely,

Terry D. Bergdall, PhD
Chief Executive Officer
Institute of Cultural Affairs

Master of Ceremonies Lisa Parker



Lisa Parker Joined NBC5 in 1996 and initiated the Target 5 consumer-investigative unit. Her reports have since garnered 12 Midwest Emmys, two Edward R. Murrow Regional RTNDA awards, two Gracie Allen awards, and several state and local broadcast awards. Parker brings a depth and dimension to NBC5's consumer reports, a style that brings real benefit for viewers. From the real stories of everyday consumers to the national issues, Target 5 takes on a wide range of topics. Parker speaks fluent Spanish. She is a 1988 graduate of Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism. She and her family love living in the Chicago area.

Key Note Speaker Karen Weigert



Karen Weigert, Chief Sustainability Officer for the City of Chicago since 2011, guides the City's sustainability strategy and implementation. Her work applies innovative, practical solutions to the work of the city with a focus on energy efficiency and green jobs creation. Prior to her appointment, Karen served as Senior Vice President of Shore Bank (later Urban Partnership Bank) where she built a national consumer group that generated deposits to support environmental sustainability and community development in urban neighborhoods. Prior to that work, Karen was a strategy consultant at McKinsey serving clients on transportation, finance, energy and land use issues. After Karen's early career as an investment banker at Goldman Sachs, she served as an appointee in the Clinton administration focusing on global environmental issues and agriculture. Karen is a producer/ writer for the documentary film *Carbon Nation* which focuses on solutions to climate change. She is a former board member of CNT, Foresight Design Initiative and Earth School Educational Foundation. Karen graduated from the University of Notre Dame and Harvard Business School.



**Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.**

DANNY K. DAVIS
7TH DISTRICT - ILLINOIS

September 15, 2012

To: Accelerate 77 Participants

Re: Accelerating the Sustainability of Chicago's 77 Communities

One of the great challenges of our time is combining the need to take drastic steps to reduce our carbon footprint and at the same time using this opportunity to build a new and more vibrant green economy that engages all in meaningful work.

Since my very first days in public life in the Chicago City Council when I led the effort to ban leaded gasoline I have committed my self, and my public policy initiatives, toward keeping our Chicago communities stable and sustainable. In these days of economic crisis these issues have assumed even greater importance and urgency. You, as the sustainable leaders of your communities, play a major role in accomplishing this work.

As President Obama says, we all "can and should lead by example when it comes to creating innovative ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase energy efficiency, conserve water, reduce waste, and use environmentally-responsible products and technologies." To do this we need you as community leaders to be at the forefront of this effort.

Thank you for what you have already accomplished. Now, by sharing your experiences and joining your voice with others who share your resolve we really can accelerate the sustainability of Chicago's 77 communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danny K. Davis".

Danny K. Davis
Member of Congress

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Community-based sustainability initiatives are taking place across Chicago!

Although many individuals, neighborhood groups, organizations, foundations, and government agencies have programs and resources to assist local sustainability efforts, many communities are unaware of these opportunities or unfamiliar with ways to access them.

The Institute of Cultural Affairs (ICA) is the organizing sponsor of "Accelerate 77." The underlying strategies of this three year project are to **identify** current sustainability initiatives in all of Chicago's 77 community areas; **connect** them with one another to inspire new ideas, practices, and motivation through peer interchange; and **engage** residents in systematic learning, planning, and collective action. It is anticipated that this project will thereby **accelerate** environmental sustainability through a grassroots approach driven by practical action, expanded imagination, and greater organizational capacities among local groups.

This Share Fair is the culmination of the work of ICA and students from six major universities in the Chicago area and ten universities nationally. Today's event will highlight neighborhood innovations in areas such as local food production, education, energy, waste reduction, green jobs, recycling, and others. The day will serve as a "share fair" for community representatives to learn from one another and attend Connection Seminars to learn about available citywide/national resources. The event will begin with a keynote address from Karen Weigert, a prominent leader in the environmental movement.

The organizations attending the share fair today are in the company of over 600+ initiatives working towards a more sustainable Chicago. Our website www.accelerate77.net will feature all of these organizations and will allow you to connect to them through community group pages, a user-driven directory of organizations, and numerous forum spaces. With a free account on our website, you will be able to search for sustainable initiatives anywhere in the city, contact and create dynamic web profiles and share local events. With a social network for organizations who have a commitment to sustainability and community development, it will be easy to organize and promote your events and projects, and collaborate with organizations around the city.

A thanks to all those who took the time to participate today and learn from each other, and after today, let us all log on, and continue the move towards a more sustainable Chicago!

With great hope for all that is to come and gratitude for all of your support.

- the Accelerate77 team

Andrew Barbeau. Benjamin Fenton. Caitlin Sarro. Carl Sullivan. Claire O'Brien. David Price. Dylan Amlin. Eva Yakutis. James Paul Burgess. Judith Hamje. Karen Sims. Karen Snyder. Miki Yoshimura-Rank. Nina Winn. Olivia Scheidler. Pamela Bergdall. Peter Collins. Richard Alton. Seva Gandhi. Terry Bergdall. Tom Wray. Vito Greco.

Community Organizations and Initiatives Representing Chicago's 77 Community Areas

Albany Park

CLESE – Global Garden

Archer Heights

Academy for Global Citizenship School

Armour Square

Chinese American Service League

Coalition for a Better Chinese American Community

Ashburn

New Foundation of Hope

Auburn Gresham

Gaia Movement

Community Youth Development Institute

Greater Auburn Gresham Development Corp

Austin

Root Riot

Austin Green Team

Avalon Park

Brother Tim's Vegetarian Fast Food

Avondale

Bike-a-Bee

Belmont Cragin

Prosser High School

Beverly

Beverly Area Planning Association

Green Sanctuary Group

Bridgeport

NeighborServe, Inc.

Benton House

Brighton Park

Burroughs Elementary School

Brighton Park Neighborhood Council

Burnside

Harold Washington Elementary School

Calumet Heights

Bronzeville Children's Museum

Advocate Trinity Hospital

Chatham

Chatham Business Association

Mathers—More Than A Café

Seaway Farmers Market

Chicago Lawn

Tarkington School of Excellence

Greater Southwest Development Corp

IMAN

Clearing

Midway Garden Society

Eco-Hero Garden Project

Douglas

The Renaissance Collaborative

U-Farm IIT

Dunning

Dunning Read Conservation Area

Wilbur Wright College Service Learning

East Garfield Park

Urban Farmers and Chicken Raisers

EEE- Green Lungs

Garfield Park Community Council

Inspiration Kitchens

East Side

Knowledge Hook-Up

Douglas Taylor Elementary

Alliance of the Southeast

Edgewater

Chicago Green Mission

Eco-Andersonville

Edison Park

Edison Park Elementary School

Englewood

A Knock At Midnight

Imagine Englewood If...

Teamwork Englewood

Forest Glen

Boy Scouts of America Troop

Fuller Park

Eden Place Nature Center

Gage Park

Gage Park Kids Harvest Garden Program

Garfield Ridge

United Business Association of Midway

Grand Boulevard

Chicago Urban League

Good Earth Catering Company

Savoy Square at Legends South

Greater Grand Crossing

Indigo Spins

Inner City Missions Network

Gary Comer Youth Center

Hegewisch

Southeast Environmental Task Force

Calumet Ecological Park Association

Hermosa

Ethically Engineered

Hermosa Community Organization

Humboldt Park

Dr. Pedro Albizu

La Casa Norte

Hyde Park

Transitions Hyde Park

South East Chicago Commission

Irving Park

Merchant Park Garden

Kilbourn Park Organic Greenhouse

Jefferson Park

Transition Jeff Park

St. Cornelius School

Olive's Neighborhood Garden for the Hungry

Kenwood

Reavis Elementary School

Little Black Pearl

Lakeview

Emerald Boutique

Peace School

Lincoln Park

DePaul University: Urban Farming Org

Howard Alan Architects

Peggy Notebaert Museum

Urban Worm Girl

Lincoln Square

Beyond Today and Waterside

Waters Elementary

Bowmanville Community Organization

Logan Square

Green Exchange

C.R.O.P. - Chicago Rarities Orchard Project

Logan Square Farmer's Market

Rebuilding Exchange

Loop

Chicago Public Schools: Service Learning

Environmental Law and Policy Center

Sierra Club

Lower West Side

Working Bikes

P.E.R.R.O.

UrbanPonics, LLC

McKinley Park

Iron Street Farm

Blessed Sacrament Parish Teen Center

Montclare

Locke Elementary School

Morgan Park

Ellie's Café

Edna White Community Garden

Mount Greenwood

The Greenwood Garden Club

Near North Side

Chicago Green Restaurant Coalition

Chicago Lights Urban Farm

City Farm

Near South Side

Alliance for a Greener South Loop

Overflow Coffee Bar

The Field Museum

Columbia's Papermaker Garden

Community Organizations & Initiatives Representing Chicago's 77 Community Areas

Near West Side

Jane Adams Hull House Museum
Whitney M. Young High School
Green Grocer Chicago

New City

United Human Services Center
The Urban Canopy
312 Aquaponics, LLC

North Center

Maya Essence
North Center Neighborhood Assoc

North Lawndale

Urban Art Retreat
Sustainable Pilot Project
CCA Academy High School
North Lawndale Greening Committee
North Lawndale Employment Network

North Park

Northside College Prep High School
Northeastern Illinois University Green Free
Committee

Norwood Park

Beard Elementary School

Oakland

Jackie Robinson Elementary School Garden
Kenwood Oakland Community Organization

O'Hare

Sweet Beginnings, LLC

Portage Park

Vaughn Occupational High School
Wilbur Wright College: Building Energy Tech-
nology Program

Pullman

House of Chloe
God's Gang

Riverdale

People for Community Recovery
Growing Power Urban Farm

Rogers Park

Glenwood Sunday Market
LET'S GO Chicago
A Just Harvest

Roseland

Green Lots Project
Chicago State University: Aquaponics
Roseland Heights Community Assoc.
Youth Peace Center of Roseland

South Chicago

Claretian Associates
Southeast Chicago Development Commission
South Chicago Chamber

South Deering

Hoxie Prairie Garden
St. Kevin Church

South Lawndale

Enlace Chicago
Universidad Popular

South Shore

South Shore Chamber Inc.
South Shore Sustainability Collaborative

Uptown

Loud Grade Produce
Ginkgo Gardens
Transition Uptown
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Washington Heights

Far South Community Development Corp.
Trinity United Church of Christ

Washington Park

Bronzeville Community Garden
Windy City Harvest

West Elsdon

John Hancock High School

West Englewood

Wood Street Farm
Morgan Street Garden
Intergenerational Growing Project

West Garfield Park

Focus Green Parkway Community Garden
Bethel New Life
Fulton Street Flower and Vegetable Garden

West Lawn

Mariano Azuela Elementary School

West Pullman

The Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center
Kids off the Block
Higgins Elementary School

West Ridge

Aryan Bhavan Restaurant
Budlong Woods Library

West Town

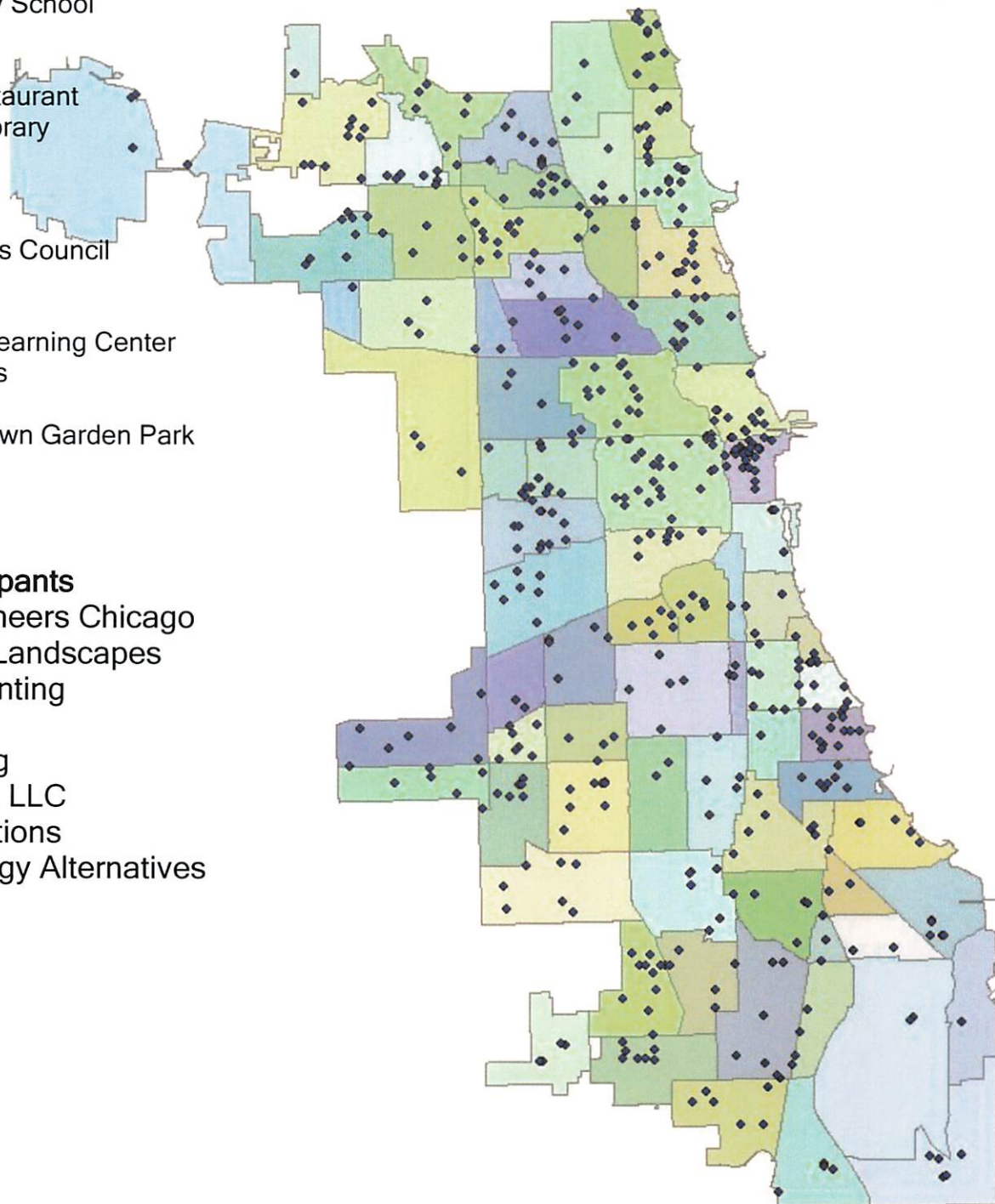
Green Wheels
Near Northwest Arts Council

Woodlawn

























Angelic Organics Learning Center
Blackstone Bicycles
Blacks in Green
Children of Woodlawn Garden Park

City Wide Participants

Great Lakes Bioneers Chicago
Christy Webber Landscapes
Consolidated Printing
Ghabit
I-GO Car Sharing
Neighbor Capital LLC
Plastic Bag Solutions
Renewable Energy Alternatives



CONNECTION SEMINAR SCHEDULE

	Food/Space	Transportation	Energy	Building Efficiency	Community Organizing/ Tools	Green Economy	Community Resources	Chicago Innovators
Room/ Time	3140	3152	L927	L947	L949	3979	3963	L915
11:00 12:00	Chicago Park District 'Going Green in the Future' 	Active Transportation Alliance 'Sustainable Transportation' 	Energymen, Inc. 'Solar/ Geothermal Renewable Energy' 	CMAP 'Energy Impact Illinois' 	Seven Generations Ahead 'Planit Green' 	Delta Institute 'Green Economies' 	EPA 'Climate change and your Community' 	ACE 'Innovative Youth Climate Education in Chicago' 
	Lunch Break							
12:30 1:30	Openlands 'Growing Organically in Community Gardens' 	I-GO 'An Alternative Transport System' 	Center for Neighborhood Technology 'Green Financial Education' 	IFF 'Non-Profit Loan and Grant Program' 	Chicago Community Climate Action Toolkit 'Tools for Community-based Climate Action' 	Green Exchange 'Microcosm of a Sustainable Business' 	Resource Center 'Recycling, Reusing & Re-making' 	Mighty Bytes 'B Corps 101' 
1:45 2:45	Department of Housing and Economic Development 'Food & Health' 	C3 'You Care, You Do Something, You Help' 	Transitions Chicago 'Promoting Local Resilience' 	Community and Economic Development Association 'Weatherization' 	Edgewater Environmental Sustainability 'How to Change Your Community' 	Local First Chicago 'Local Living Economies' 	Accelerate 77 'Accelerating Chicago's 77 Communities Website' 	Neighbor-Space 'Where Chicago Communities Grow Together.' 

For more information on each of the seminars look at more detailed descriptions on the pages to follow

Connection Seminars

Accelerate 77: Accelerating Chicago's 77 Communities Web Site

Presenters: Caitlin Sarro, Nathan Morin, Bryan Kersten

Time: 1:45-2:45pm

Room: 3963

As part of documenting the sustainability activities in Chicago's communities, Accelerate 77 has built a web-based social medium. This social medium incorporates web-based social networking tools with state-of-the-art asset mapping tools to create an interactive medium that connects and engages sustainability stakeholders citywide. Learn how this system works and how you can use this web system to connect your community to activities and resources throughout Chicago.

Active Transportation Alliance: Creating Healthier Streets for Sustainable Transportation

Presenter: Tony Giron

Time: 11:00-12:00pm

Room: 3152

Biking and walking are healthy, affordable, fun and green forms of transportation. The Active Transportation Alliance empowers Chicagoans to address barriers that stand in the way of biking and walking in their neighborhoods. Learn about these approaches as well as how to conduct a walkability assessment to bring safer and healthier streets to your neighborhood.

Alliance for Climate Education: Innovative Youth Climate Education in Chicago

Presenter: Leah Qusba

Time: 11:00-12:00pm

Room: L915

Alliance for Climate Education (ACE) has reached more than 1.3 million students with its award-winning, multimedia assembly that educates students in the science behind climate change, and activates them to curb the causes of global warming. ACE is the national leader in youth climate science education and was recently named the 2012 Chicago Public Schools Service Learning Community Partner of the Year. Following the assembly, ACE works with students to complete carbon cutting projects via science class or after school clubs, everything from energy efficiency retrofits to green fashion shows. This presentation will be a foray into ACE's award-winning resources and a preview of this year's ACE-sponsored, city-wide events.

Center for Neighborhood Technology: Green Financial Education

Presenter: Adam Mays

Time: 12:30-1:30pm

Room: L927

Since 1978, Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT) has been a leader in promoting urban sustainability—the more effective use of existing resources and community assets to improve the health of natural systems and the wealth of people, today and in the future. CNT will present Equity Express: Equity Express® Green Financial Education, a workshop, that helps participants reduce expenses, live healthier and lower their environmental footprint in four household expense categories: energy, transportation, communications and food.

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning: Energy Impact Illinois - Residential Program

Presenter: Emily Plagman

Time: 11:00-12:00pm

Room: L947

Save money on utility bills. Increase property value. Improve the comfort level in your home. Energy Impact Illinois representatives will present the Energy Impact Illinois single family residential rebate and loan program. Energy Impact Illinois is an alliance of local and federal organizations, utility companies and not-for-profit groups dedicated to helping communities change their energy usage habits by offering access to a broad array of programs and solutions.

Chicago Conservation Corps: You Care, You do Something, You Help

Presenter: Kristen Pratt and C3 Volunteers

Time: 1:45-2:45pm

Room: 3152

Come to this seminar to learn about how the Chicago Conservation Corps (C3) can support your community-based conservation efforts with training, one-on-one staff support, and funding for project materials. Hear from program staff and volunteers about how we recruit, train and support a network of volunteers who work together to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods and schools through environmental service projects that protect our water, clean our air, restore our land and save energy.

Chicago Park District: Our Common Future

Presenter: Brendan Daley

Time: 11:00-12:00pm

Room: 3140

Join Brendan Daley, the Director of Green Initiatives for the Chicago Park District, to learn what the Chicago Park District is doing to become more sustainable and go green. Find out how you can get involved with your local park in a variety of ways. With over 575 parks, more than 250 facilities and 8100 acres of green space in Chicago, the Park District offers a variety of experiences in recreation and conservation. This session will focus on overall green initiatives such as waste reduction, green procurement, and natural areas. Ways to get involved at your local park will also be highlighted.

City of Chicago, Department of Housing and Economic Development:

Healthy Food Chicago

Presenter: Brad Roback

Time: 1:45-2:45pm

Room: 3140

Brad Roback will provide an overview of the *Healthy Food Chicago* plan, the development process and next steps. The plan includes strategies that seek to increase the production and distribution of healthy food; improve access to healthier food; build demand and increase consumption of healthy food; and capitalize on opportunities for job creation and economic development.

Community and Economic Development Association: Weatherization

Presenter: Cassandra Fricke

Time: 1:45-2:45pm

Room: L947

The Community and Economic Development Association (CEDA) is one of the largest private non-profit organizations in the country. CEDA Weatherization administers the Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program (IHWAP) throughout Chicago and Cook County, Illinois. In this session you will learn about the eligibility requirements to participate in the IHWAP program, goals and guidelines of the Department of Energy (DOE), who funds the grant, and innovation projects in which CEDA Weatherization has participated.

Delta Institute: Empowering Community Leaders and Engaging Stakeholders to Pursue Community Level Sustainability Initiatives.

Presenters: Sean Terry and Eve Pytel

Time: 11:00-12:00pm

Room: 3979

The Delta Institute is a not-for-profit focused on transforming the Great Lakes Region to a vital center of the emerging Green Economy by advancing green innovation, green jobs and green technologies. Sean Terry and Eve Pytel will examine major themes such as energy efficiency, reducing waste, preserving natural resources, urban agriculture, community gardens and more with a focus on empowering community leaders and stakeholders to pursue and implement such objectives in their community.

Connection Seminars cont.

Edgewater Environmental Sustainability Project: How to Engage Your Community

Presenter: Anne Comeau

Time: 1:45-2:45pm

Room: L949

The presentation will cover why we began the project, who was initially involved, and the area affected, and finally, how it has evolved both in focus and with new partnerships beyond Edgewater. Why: The Edgewater Community Council charged its committees to set up a plan on how to turn Edgewater into a model green community. Who: Residents and block club volunteers became involved in ten committees focused on the Chicago Climate Action Plan. How: A Project plan with a timeline was developed following meetings, open community sessions and interaction with various environmental experts. Actions: This will go into the grassroots work that became community initiatives and the evolution of the project plan, partnerships and goals.

Energymen, Inc: Success in Solar and Geothermal Energy in Chicagoland

Presenter: Scott Grafft, Energymen, Inc

Time: 11:00-12:00pm

Room: L927

In many cases, the sizing and cost of either solar or geothermal installs can be reduced, due to improved overall building performance. Increasing energy efficiency = lower overall cost, increased performance and higher customer satisfaction in residential renewable energy installs. Find out more about how it works, and how you can combine the "best of both worlds" in your area by attending this seminar. Solar and geothermal are the future of energy.

Environmental Protection Agency: Acting Locally to Address Climate Change

Presenter: Melissa Hulting

Time: 11:00-12:00pm

Room: 3963

Every day actions are being taken at the local level that can reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other pollution, as well as help prepare for current and future changes in climate. What impacts will we see here in Chicago and the Midwest? What actions can we take? You'll receive insight on the answers to these questions and we'll discuss what climate change means for communities.

Chicago Community Climate Action Toolkit : Tools for Community-based Climate Action

Presenters: Jennifer Hirsch and Alexis Winter

Time: 12:30-1:30pm

Room: L949

In May 2012, The Field Museum, along with 47 partners from across the Chicago area, launched the Chicago Community Climate Action Toolkit. The Toolkit provides over 60 multimedia tools that communities can use to create climate action projects that also improve local quality of life. Come learn about these tools and brainstorm how to use them to strengthen your local sustainability work.

The Green Exchange: Microcosm of a Sustainable Business

Presenter: Aaron Gadiel

Time: 12:30-1:30pm

Room: 3979

A special location just for businesses of green products and services is found in Logan Square. The building not only has green businesses, but also has LEED Platinum status with ninety solar thermal panels and a high efficiency heating and cooling system reducing energy use by 22%. A new restaurant is being integrated into the site with honey from the building bees and eggs from recently acquired chickens. Food waste from the restaurant will be composted and, along with the chicken manure, used to fertilize the green roof.

IFF: Non-Profit Loan Program**Presenter: Rachel Higginbotham****Time: 12:30-1:30pm****Room: L947**

In this session, nonprofit lender and real estate consultant IFF will introduce its Energy Performance Program (E2P), which was developed to help nonprofits to reduce energy use and devote more money to their missions. Participants will walk away with tools to assess their facility's potential for energy savings, information on available grants and incentives for energy retrofits, and tips on how to implement projects to ensure maximum savings.

I-Go: An Alternative Transport System**Presenter: Sharon Feigon****Time: 12:30-1:30pm****Room: 3152**

Formed in 2002, I-GO Car Sharing is the only not-for-profit car sharing organization in Chicago. I-GO offers the Chicago Card Plus I-GO card with the CTA. By serving its mission to live well in Chicago without having to own a car, I-GO saves its members money, helps reduce traffic congestion, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, improves air quality and promotes healthy lifestyles and communities.

Local First Chicago: Local Living Economies**Presenter: Suzanne Keers****Time: 1:45-2:45pm****Room: 3979**

A local, strong business base keeps money in the neighborhood, gives better service, creates and keeps good jobs, supports community groups and invests in your community. Local First Chicago is a non-profit that promotes greening our communities, cooperatives, local food and buy local campaigns. Local First can help your community.

Mighty Bytes: Certified Benefit Corporations (B Corps) 101**Presenter: Tim Frick****Time: 12:30-1:30pm****Room: L915**

Certified Benefit Corporations (B Corps) use the power of business to solve social and environmental problems. Join Tim Frick, Principal of Mightybytes, an Illinois B Corporation, to find out what this new form of corporate structure can do for your business. In this informative and interactive session, we will explore how businesses can create greater social impact and help the environment while still thriving and remaining profitable. We will also discuss how B Corps differ from current corporate structures, the actual benefits derived from being a Benefit Corporation, and the criteria around which companies are assessed to become B Corps. If you are looking for a way to create profits with a purpose, this workshop can help you get there.

Neighbor Space: Where Chicago Communities Grow Together**Presenter: Ben Helphand****Time: 1:45-2:45pm****Room: L915**

NeighborSpace is a nonprofit urban land trust dedicated to preserving and sustaining community gardens in Chicago. Their network of more than 80 gardens provide thousands of people the opportunity to grow fruits, vegetables and flowers; to restore habitats; and create unique gathering places in their own neighborhoods. NeighborSpace shoulders the responsibility of property ownership so that community groups can focus on gardening. Find out more at neighbor-space.org.

Openlands: Growing Organically In Community Gardens

Presenter: Julie Samuels

Time: 12:30-1:30pm

Room: 3140

Growing your own food—especially in a community garden with friends and neighbors—is cheaper, healthier and builds community. This can be done in your backyard, in a community garden or as part of a larger urban farm. Openlands' Julie Samuels will lead a discussion on this topic and talk about ways to make local food production happen and tools to get started.

The Resource Center: Recycling, Reusing and Remaking

Presenter: Kevin Pierce

Time: 12:30-1:30pm

Room: 3963

The Resource Center is a recycling and sustainability focused non-profit in the Chicagoland area. The Resource Center is the largest non-profit recycling organization in the Chicago area. The City Farm program of the Resource Center serves as a successful model of urban food production. The Perishable Food Recovery program connects local food pantries and shelters with surplus produce and perishable food from supermarkets, restaurants, and caterers. The Creative Reuse Warehouse program collects surplus industrial products for reuse by artists, teachers, and the general public.

Seven Generations Ahead: PlanItGreen

Presenter: Jen Nelson

Time: 11:00-12:00pm

Room: L949

The PlanItGreen presentation will discuss the community-wide sustainability planning and implementation initiative being implemented by SGA and partner the Delta Institute in Oak Park and River Forest, IL that incorporates strong community engagement, metrics, funding support, institutional pledge commitments, and a community sustainability report card. Learn how to engage multiple community stakeholders through community-wide planning and implementation to generate traction on strategies related to energy, waste, water, transportation, food, open space & ecosystems, community development, green economy, and education.

Transition Chicago: Building Resilient Communities

Presenters: Karen Snyder and Nina Winn

Time: 1:45-2:45pm

Room: L927

Co-founded by Rob Hopkins, the Transition movement is a proactive, positive visioning, forward-thinking approach to enabling communities to respond effectively to the realities of our future. The Transition movement declares that a future with less oil could possibly be better than what we have now - IF we consciously design it to be that way. People within the Transition movement are actively working to envision and create positive change, by growing local resilience and an ability to flex and adapt to change. Learn how your community can connect to the tools and stories of this movement

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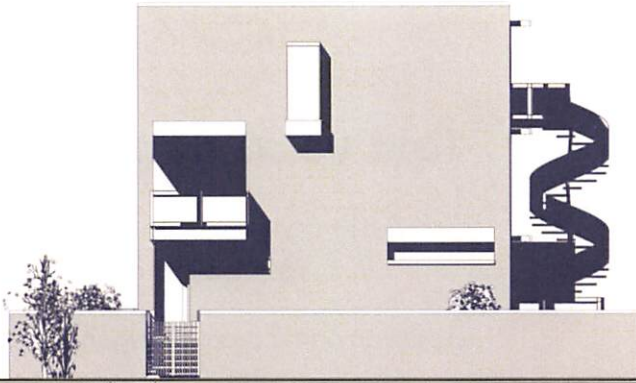
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