



VISIONEERING
WICHITA

**Visioneering Wichita
Environmental Sustainability Alliance
July 8, 2010
Meeting Notes**

Attendees: Candace Wilson, Michelle Stroot, Lindsey Mahoney, Charlie Applegate, Teresa Burk, Daniele Baxa, Becky Lewis, Kay Johnson, Gary Calkins, Yegana Jafarova, Suzanne Coin, Brian Meier, Caroline Hosford, Kathy Dittmer, Scott Knebel, Paula Miller, Cathy Landwehr, Sharon Fearey, Peter Youngs, Elisabeth Skibba, Courtney Crane, Tami Bradley, Suzie Ahlstrand, Diane Longfellow

Wichita Downtown Revitalization Master Plan

Scott Knebel presented information on the Draft Downtown Master Plan. Details can be found on the Wichita Downtown Development Corporation's website, www.downtownwichita.org. The alliance was encouraged to keep sustainability in the forefront as the plan moves forward. They were asked to stay tuned, provide input and let their elected know what they want pertaining to environmental sustainability.

Grant Opportunities

Alliance members are preparing to apply for two grants:

Sustainable Communities

The U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development requests proposals for the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program. This program will support metropolitan and multijurisdictional planning efforts that integrate housing, land use, economic and workforce development, transportation, and infrastructure investments in a manner that empowers jurisdictions to consider the interdependent challenges of: 1) Economic competitiveness and revitalization; 2) Social equity, inclusion, and access to opportunity; 3) Energy use and climate change; and 4) Public health and environmental impacts. \$98 million expected to be available, award range \$100K to \$5 million. Responses due 8/23/10. For more info, contact sustainablecommunities@hud.gov or go to:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=55456>. Refer to Sol# FR-5396-N-03.

Climate Showcase Communities

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requests proposals for the Climate Showcase Communities. This program assists local and tribal governments in developing plans, conducting demonstrations, and implementing projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions while achieving additional environmental, economic, public health, and/or community benefits. \$10 million expected to be available, up to 30 awards anticipated. Responses due 7/26/10. For more info, contact Jeanette Shepherd at shepherd.jeanette@epa.gov or go to:

http://www.epa.gov/air/grants_funding.html. Refer to Sol# EPA-OAR-CPPD-10-09. (Grants.gov 7/8/10)

The leadership team will meet to formulate projects and set up the framework for the grants.

Key Benchmarks

Six broad benchmarks goals the alliance identified during the March 4th meeting:

1. Transportation – decrease vehicle miles traveled

2. Energy efficiency – energy efficiency community block grant
3. Built environment – policy support energy efficiency
4. Air quality – city goal
5. Water quality – city goal
6. Solid waste – county measures tons recycled

Through Visioneering the alliance work should impact:

1. Job growth
2. Per capita income
3. Racial Diversity Opportunity & Harmony
4. Regionalism

Breakout Work Sessions

Look for projects that fit in the grant.

Break-out Group Report Outs

	EPA Grant	HUD – categories
Social	Creating Community Gardens - produce + native plants Education – locally grown (Paula) Transportation – Farmer’s Market (Michelle) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - bike paths - bus passes/routes List of Restaurants – food give aways	Education – locally grown (Paula) Locally grown – planning along major transportation routes (policy – identify as problem)
Natural Resources	Green neighborhoods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - community meetings - outreach to NPS, faith Household (Carol) Community Gardens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - other groups - Home Energy (Westar) 	Septic Systems – leakage/water quality
Economic	Retro-filling/remodeling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planet Re-Use – reduces waste to landfill Habitat for Humanity (Elisabeth) Schools/school board Case studies (architectural firms) Cost savings & impact (Teresa) March sustainability summit (Brian)	Re-use Recycling Construction

Upcoming Meetings

Leadership Team: July 22, 3:00 p.m., Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce
 Alliance: August 5, 1:00 p.m., Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce