

GreenGov Council & Penn State Sustainability Institute's Sustainability Webinar Series 3

OVERVIEW:

The <u>GreenGov Council</u> and Penn State's <u>Sustainability Institute</u> are co-hosting our third monthly webinar series on various sustainability topics. All who are interested in expanding their knowledge of sustainability initiatives are invited to participate!

Our goal is to make this series a successful venture to support the commonwealth's progress toward sustainability goals set forth in the Governor's <u>Executive Order 2019-01</u>. To that end, please forward this invitation along to all those who may be interested.

PURPOSE:

The series is intended to give participants opportunities to hear from subject matter experts and receive updates on each topic to enrich their knowledge while engaging in group conversations.

This series will also be a useful tool for agencies to explore options and develop sustainability initiatives while receiving credit within their <u>GreenGov Agency</u> <u>Certification Checklist</u> (Checklist) program areas. Specifically, the series supports Checklist efforts under the "Culture" category on Employee and Public Engagement (sections 13 and 14).

FORMAT:

In respect of attendee's time, the webinars will be hosted monthly and consist of a 30 minute presentation followed by a 15 minute question & answer session. All presentations will be held via Microsoft Teams webinars and participants should plan to connect utilizing their computers to view and engage.

REGISTRATION:

All interested attendees are asked to complete this sign-up <u>survey</u> and indicate which presentations they plan to attend. The GreenGov Council will review the survey sign-up submissions and send out Microsoft Teams meeting calendar invitations to each interested participant for their selected webinars.

For any additional questions or comments you may have regarding registration or webinar content, please contact the GreenGov Council.

SERIES INFORMATION:

| Date | Title | Presenter |
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| October 8, 2021 1:00-1:45 PM | Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) Overview | Hayley L. Book, Senior Advisor on Energy and Climate, PA Department of Environmental Protection |
| November 12, 2021 1:00-1:45 PM | Carbon Reduction Commitments – State Agencies, Universities & Businesses | Rob E. Cooper, Senior Director for Energy and Sustainability, Penn State University Office of Engineering Meg Boyle, PhD, Dept. of Geography, Penn State University |
| January 14, 2022 1:00-1:45 PM | Pennsylvania Climate Leadership Academy Overview | Daniel M. Kreeger, Executive Director, Association of Climate Change Officers (ACCO) |
| February 11, 2022 1:00-1:45 PM | PA Recycling Markets – Recyclables & Lower Embodied Carbon in Facility Construction | Tad Radzinski, President, Sustainable Solutions Corporation Robert J. Bylone, Executive Director, Penn State Recycling Markets Center |
| March 11, 2022 1:00-1:45 PM | Sustainability and Resilience in the Community, Part 1: Foodways & Healthcare | Maureen Krouse, MPH, MCHES, Manager of Community Health and Outreach, Lankenau Medical Center |
| April 8, 2022 1:00-1:45 PM | Household Carbon Reduction, Part 1: Energy Saving Utility Programs | Joseph M. Sherrick, Supervisor, Policy & Planning, PUC Cyndi Page, Senior Communications Specialist, PUC Dan Mumford, Director, Office of Competitive Market Oversight, PUC |

WEBINAR SUMMARIES:

Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) Overview

Overview of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), a multi-state program created for the reduction of carbon dioxide emissions through the production of electricity. Webinar will cover specifics of the program such as participating states and models as well as markets, regulations and budget trading.

Carbon Reduction Commitments – State Agencies, Universities & Businesses

Webinar will cover consensus on what commitments are needed to reduce global carbon emissions and some of the current commitments entities both public and private have in place. Specific examples of initiatives, programs and successes will be shared with participants.

Pennsylvania Climate Leadership Academy Overview

Overview of the Pennsylvania Climate Leadership Academy (PCLA) program including mission summary and opportunities for future participants. Specifics will focus on the partnership with the Association of Climate Change Officers (ACCO) including their initiatives, membership, training and credentialing as well as a summary of association successes to date.

PA Recycling Markets – Recyclables & Lowered Embodied Carbon in Facility Construction

Webinar will focus on exploring the recycled material markets within Pennsylvania and their increasing inclusion within construction projects as well as actions being taken to further grow the use of recyclables and recycling in facility construction. Presentation will also cover how to minimize the carbon footprint of building construction materials and why it's important.

Sustainability and Resilience in the Community, Part 1: Foodways & Healthcare

Webinar will focus on programs to develop more resilient foodways that improve community health as well as actions that help to build community engagement around local food and healthcare systems.

Household Carbon Reduction, Part 1: Energy Saving Utility Programs

Representatives from the PA Public Utility Commission will give an overview of utility energy saving and rebate programs such as the PAPowerSwitch, PAGasSwitch and current Act 129 incentives and protections available for customers.