



## GreenGov Council & Penn State Sustainability's Webinar Series 5

### OVERVIEW:

The [GreenGov Council](#) and [Penn State Sustainability](#) are co-hosting our fifth webinar series focused 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 in uplifting and delivering on sustainability. 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 GreenGov Agency [Certification Checklist](#) (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 survey](#) 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.

**SERIES INFORMATION:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
Friday, October 13th, 2023, 1:00-1:45 PM	Sustainable Procurement	Duane Elmore, Director of Procurement Services and Chief Procurement Officer, Penn State University Lisa Conway, VP of Sustainability, Interface Carpet Americas
Thursday, November 9th, 2023, 1:00-1:45 PM	Reduce, Reuse, Recycle – Repair Cafes	J. Tiffany Bregovi, Repair Café Co-Founder, Owner, The Bregovi Group
Friday, January 12th, 2024, 1:00-1:45 PM	Climate & Environmental Health	Nate Wardle, Special Response/Projects Manager, PA Dept. of Health Stephanie Hasanali, Public Health Program Director, PA Dept. of Health
Friday, February 9th, 2024, 1:00-1:45 PM	Encouraging Sustainable Behavior – Sustainable Pittsburgh	Matt Mahoney, Director of Government Affairs, Sustainable Pittsburgh
Friday, March 15th, 2024, 1:00-1:45 PM	Sustainable Transportation – PA Turnpike	L. Keith Jack, Director of Facilities Operations, Sustainability Team Co-Chair, PA Turnpike Kathryn Hartzell, PMP, PROSCI, Director of Technology and Innovation Management / Enterprise Planning Team, Sustainability Team Co-Chair, PA Turnpike
Friday, April 12th, 2024, 1:00-1:45 PM	Sustainable Buildings Initiative	Esther Obonyo, Executive Director, Penn State Global Building Network John Bechtel, Assistant Director, Design & Construction, Penn State Physical Plant Heidi J. Kunsch, LEED AP BD+C, Environmental Manager, PA Dept. of Environmental Protection

**WEBINAR SUMMARIES:**

**Sustainable Procurement**

Interface Carpet is one of the most sustainable corporations in the world, dedicated to net positive environmental impacts and “beyond zero” carbon emissions. Penn State is committed to green procurement procedures to minimize the impacts of its purchases. What happens when the two organizations synergize for Penn State’s Smarter Carpet Initiative and how can you think similarly about making your procurement practices more sustainable?

### **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle – Repair Cafes**

Repair Cafes are gaining momentum! These Cafés provide a community response and engagement that is helping to address our “throw-away” culture. Hear about Pennsylvania’s first Repair Café and how the model can be expanded within Pennsylvania.

### **Climate & Environmental Health**

The Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) has been doing a significant amount of work recently around environmental health, environmental justice, and the impact of a changing climate on health. Learn how DOH is addressing its core objectives around ambient air quality, heat-related hospitalizations, and lead exposures.

### **Encouraging Sustainable Behavior – Sustainable Pittsburgh**

Sustainable Pittsburgh was established in 1998 and has been advancing the goals of equity, environmental and economic success in Southwestern Pennsylvania ever since. Learn how Sustainable Pittsburgh works to encourage sustainable behavior by supporting Sustainable Pennsylvania Certifications, restaurant certifications, and many other initiatives that advance sustainable behavior.

### **Sustainable Transportation – PA Turnpike**

The PA Turnpike was the first of its kind and received nationwide acclaim as an engineering marvel. It was touted as America’s First Superhighway when it opened on October 1, 1940, and was the national standard for superhighway design and engineering. Now the PA Turnpike is leading the way on sustainable transportation initiatives - learn how this iconic highway is transforming into a roadway of the future!

### **Sustainable Buildings Initiative**

Buildings are responsible for a large percentage greenhouse gas operational emissions nationally. Penn State and the Commonwealth are partnering to advance sustainable building education, with a goal of improving building designs and construction practices in our portfolios. Join in to learn what’s coming next to advance sustainable buildings!