



November 5, 2009

Dear Friend,

Thank you for your interest in sustainability efforts for the City of Menasha. Now that summer is coming to a close, we are ready to start tackling some of the items that have been identified as necessary to complete to help the city become more sustainable. The next meeting of the city of Menasha Sustainability Board is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17 at 6:30pm in the City Hall council chambers. These meetings are open to the public and it would be great if you could attend. At this meeting, we will be clarifying action items for 2009-2010 and trying to match up volunteers to specific efforts. We will contact volunteers following the meeting for opportunities to help.

The City of Menasha is committed to becoming a sustainable community. Your help can make that possible. The Sustainability Board welcomes your questions and comments. You can contact us at the number below.

Thanks again for your support and we look forward to working together with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Linda Stoll

Chair, Menasha Sustainability Board

Are You Interested in Making Menasha a Greener Place?

The Menasha Sustainability Board is looking for individuals and organizations to help advance initiatives that will promote the long term sustainability of our community by:

- Reducing energy use and the consumption of non-renewable resources
- Reducing dependence on chemicals and other manufactured substances
- Minimizing activities that harm natural communities
- Meeting the social and economic needs of present and future residents

If you have special skills or knowledge related to the topics listed below, or simply have a desire to make a positive impact on our community, we invite you to become part of a resource group that the Sustainability Board could call upon for advice, assistance and support. Areas of interest currently defined by the Board are listed below.

If you would like to become involved in one or more of these areas, please check (✓) the box(es) describing your areas of interest, complete your contact information at the bottom of the form and return to:

Mayor's Office
Attn: K. Sewall
140 Main Street
Menasha, WI 54952
Fax: 967-5273

E-mail: ksewall@ci.menasha.wi.us

You can also complete the form online at www.cityofmenasha-wi.gov and submit your results electronically.

Energy Conservation

- Annual Menasha Utilities Energy Fair
- Menasha Home Energy Audit/Conservation Team
- City Building Energy Usage Reduction
- Business and Home Owner Energy Reduction

Purchasing Recycling/Reuse/Waste Reduction

- Home/Business Composting and Recycling
- Product Exchange/Clearinghouse for Reusable Items
- "Buy Local, Buy Wisconsin Initiatives"

Native Planting, Water Quality and Green Infrastructure

- Rain Garden and Rain Barrel Programs
- Native Planting Guidelines and Restoration Projects
- Planting for Wildlife Habitat and Diversity
- City Storm Water Management Alternatives
- Tree Planting for Shade and Wind Protection
- Green Roofs
- Use of Parks, Waterways, Nature Centers and Organizations to Showcase Sustainability

Transportation and Accessibility

- Biking and Walking Routes, Accessibility to Destinations
- Safe Route to Schools Evaluation
- Community Car and Bus Transportation
- Complete Streets Program

Housing and Development

- Sustainable Housing Development Planning and Code Development

Sustainability Planning and Leadership

- Promoting Sustainability Education and Awareness, Networking and Information Outreach Through Schools, Libraries and Other Venues
- Baseline Sustainability Assessment of Menasha
- Participation on/with Menasha Sustainability Board

Community Food and Health

- Home, Community and Organic Gardening
- Menasha Thursday Farmers Market
- Local Food Growing/Marketing, CSA's, Co-Op's
- Local Food Accessibility/Distribution
- Reduction of Chemical Use and Environmentally Harmful Substances

Economic Development

- Sustainable Business Development
- Community Branding/Marketing
- Sustainability Evaluation of Menasha's Business and Shopping Network

Community Culture and Heritage Preservation

- Community History, Heritage and Preservation
- Music and the Arts to Celebrate Community Sustainability
- Inclusiveness of Community Cultures for a Sustainable Future

Other: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____