



sustainable communities public policy forum

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SAVE THE DATE!

When: March 25-26, 2010

Where: The LEED-certified Communications Arts Center at UW-Fox Valley, Menasha, Wisconsin.

Speakers include: *David Morris*, vice president of the Institute for Local Self-Reliance, the Minneapolis-based nonprofit agency that created the New Rules Project to provide tools to put theory into practice for strong, equitable, sustainable communities; *Michael Dombeck*, Professor of Global Conservation at UW-Stevens Point and former chief of the U.S. Forest Service; and *Satya Rhodes-Conway*, senior associate at the Center on Wisconsin Strategy national policy center based at UW-Madison and member of the City of Madison Common Council.

Focus: Day one includes a wrap-up of *Regional Sustainable Communities Roundtables* leading up to this forum; breakout sessions with three Wisconsin case studies, including *La Crosse*, and three out-of-state case studies, including the *Transition Town of Northfield, Minnesota*; and optional entertainment.* Day two is roll-up-the-sleeves time through a hands-on, half-day session designed to advance policy.

Registration: Online registration and details will be available at <http://Sustainablecommunitiesforum.wisconsin.edu/>.

Information: Contact Sandra Kallio, sandra.kallio@uwex.edu.

Forum participants will:

- Learn compelling content about sustainable communities and share their stories and local ideas.
- Network with new partners and build community relationships.
- Provide input and recommendations that will be incorporated into a final document to help set an agenda for shaping future policy directions pertaining to sustainable communities in Wisconsin.
- Identify opportunities for the University of Wisconsin to collaboratively support and enhance education, research, and outreach regarding sustainable community policy initiatives and funding.

Sponsors of this Wisconsin Idea Public Policy Forum: University of Wisconsin-Extension, University of Wisconsin Colleges, University of Wisconsin-Extension Sustainability Team, Wisconsin Institute for Public Policy and Service, and University of Wisconsin System.

About Wisconsin Idea Public Policy Forums: The Sustainable Communities Public Policy Forum is the third in a series of forums designed to focus UW System resources on Wisconsin's most vexing social, environmental, and economic challenges. These forums inform the debate around selected current issues confronting Wisconsin residents by bringing objective, research-based information to the dialogue. Forums utilize experts to cover national issues impacting the state of Wisconsin. The targeted audience includes state lawmakers, community leaders, business people, faculty, staff, and students.

***Note:** Optional entertainment the evening of March 25 includes the "Wild Woods & Waters" show at the UW-Fox Valley Communications Arts Center. Reservations, \$25, can be arranged through <https://foxtickets.uwc.edu> or 920-832-2646.

We look forward to your participation.

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