

Our Collective Community

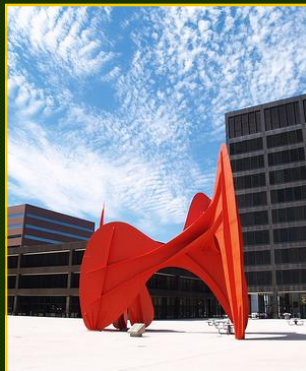
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Community Sustainability Partnership Summit

October 10, 2007
7:30AM-1PM

Eberhard Center,
Grand Valley State
University

\$20 donation



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- ◆ Charting our sustainability landscape and collecting community knowledge about local and regional sustainability activities.
- ◆ Sharing successful strategies about “triple bottom line” reporting.
- ◆ Exploring the City of Grand Rapids sustainability programs and initiatives.

7:30-8 AM *Registration & Continental Breakfast*

8-9:30 AM *Charting Our Sustainability Landscape*

Join us on an exploration of the activities and organizations that comprise our regional “sustainability landscape.” Utilizing participatory action research strategies, conference participants will undertake a collective effort to identify the activities and resources surrounding sustainability in our community. We’ll assess existing linkages between these assets and note areas where resources are needed. This process comprises part of a broader effort to help individuals and organizations leverage existing resources and help foster effective collaborations to further the goals of sustainability in our region.

Co-facilitators:

Dr. Gail Gunst Heffner, Calvin College Director of Community Engagement

Dr. Deborah M. Steketee, Executive Director of the Center for Sustainability at Aquinas College

9:30-9:45 AM *Refreshment Break*

9:45-10:45 AM *Traveler’s Notebook: Sustainability Reporting & Planning*

What paths will you take in your journey toward sustainability? What kinds of metrics are available to chart your organization’s progress? What challenges and outcomes can you expect? Our panelists will reflect on their approaches, progress-to-date, and next steps in their paths toward sustainability. This will be no ordinary panel. We guarantee plenty of time for conversation.

Panelists:

Dr. Gary Burbridge, Director of Sustainability, Grand Rapids Community College

Dr. Wendy Wenner, Dean, College of Interdisciplinary Studies, Grand Valley State University

Ms. Jessica Onan, Program Director, Center for Sustainability at Aquinas College

Ms. Kysha Frazier, Business Unit Leader, Quest Sustainable Solutions/Cascade Engineering

Mr. Brad Miller, Director of Communications and Government Affairs, BIFMA (Business & Institutional Furniture Manufacturer’s Association)

Moderator:

Ms. Marylu Dykstra, Sirius Resources, LLC

10:45-11:00 AM *Refreshment Break*

11:00AM-12:00 Noon *The Final Destination: A Sustainable Grand Rapids Community?*

The City of Grand Rapids will unveil its draft Triple Bottom Line report, highlight the “Green Grand Rapids” planning process and the City’s sustainability plan.

Presenters:

City of Grand Rapids Staff

12:00-1:00 PM *Lunch and Conversation*

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