**Sustainability Planning Using the GRC Framework**

You are invited to attend a meeting of Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Environment Committee to demonstrate the Greenest Region Compact (GRC) Framework in a workshop format. Two workshops are offered:

1. **Thursday, July 18th 2019, 10:00 – noon**

Hosted by the City of Highland Park

Highland Park Fire Department, 1130 Central Ave., Highland Park, IL 60035

The City of Highland Park and the Village of Wilmette will share their experience working with the GRC Framework. [Register here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sustainability-planning-using-the-grc-framework-highland-park-tickets-64196206582?aff=utm_source%3Deb_email%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_campaign%3Dnew_event_email&utm_term=eventurl_text)

2. **Tuesday August 6th 2019, 10 am - noon**

Hosted by the Village of Grayslake

Grayslake Village Hall, 10 S Seymour, Grayslake, IL 60030

The Village of Hoffman Estates, and Kane County will share their experience working with the GRC Framework. [Register here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sustainability-planning-using-the-grc-framework-grayslake-tickets-64196998952)

The GRC Framework is a powerful tool that municipalities can use to guide their sustainability planning. It is scalable for communities that are new to sustainability planning and simply want guidance to prioritize their sustainable actions. It can also be used to create a comprehensive community sustainability plan or update an existing one.

Metropolitan Mayors Caucus staff will introduce the Greenest Region Compact; and [GRCorps members](https://mayorscaucus.org/greenest-region-corps/) will facilitate both discussion and guide practice in using the GRC Framework. Communities of all sizes and strengths are invited to come learn from peers about this powerful tool to help accelerate sustainability planning and guide actions.

Municipal staff, elected officials, and citizen commissioners are invited. Please come ready to participate in the workshop by applying the GRC Framework to your own community’s achievements and objectives for environmental sustainability. If you have already been using the GRC Framework, please come share your experiences with other workshop participants. We’d love examples of sustainability plans that have been built using the GRC Framework.

The workshop is free and open to all working in sustainability in their community. Register at a workshop convenient to you:

1. [July 18, 10:00 AM – noon, Highland Park](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sustainability-planning-using-the-grc-framework-highland-park-tickets-64196206582)
2. [August 6, 10:00 AM to noon, Grayslake](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sustainability-planning-using-the-grc-framework-grayslake-tickets-64196998952)

*Background:*

The [Greenest Region Compact](https://mayorscaucus.org/initiatives/environment/rec/)  has two parts.

1. The Greenest Region **Compact** ([GRC](https://mayorscaucus.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Greenest-Region-Compact-2-FINAL_NewLogo.pdf)) is a **municipal pledge** to support consensus sustainability goals. It is now adopted by 119 municipalities and 3 counties through formal resolution. Adoption of the Compact does not require a commitment to specific actions.

 *Take action: Adopt the GRC through municipal resolution. Download the* [*GRC*](https://mayorscaucus.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Greenest-Region-Compact-2-FINAL_NewLogo.pdf) *and* [*model resolution*](http://mayorscaucus.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/GRC2-Municipal-Resolution-FINAL_4.6.2018.docx)*. Report your community’s successful adoption to* *emakra@mayorscaucus.org*

2. The GRC **Framework is a companion tool** offering an extensive menu of sustainability objectives and strategies aligned with the consensus goals of the GRC. To create this tool, the Caucus synthesized sustainability goals from 30 sustainability plans published by municipalities in our region, and 9 regional and national plans. Municipalities often compare plans and programs produced by neighboring communities to inform their own initiatives. The [GRC Framework](https://mayorscaucus.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/GRC2-Framework-Booklet_PDF-FINAL-4-2018.pdf) does this for you and presents options in a clear and strategic format. The GRC Framework is designed to help communities work at their own pace on their own priorities. No specific actions nor reporting are required.

 *Take action: Download the GRC Framework as an* [*interactive tool*](http://mayorscaucus.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/GRC2-Framework-Tool-4-2018-Final-complete_Updatedlogo.xlsx) *in Excel format to begin assessing your community’s current actions and guide planning for future sustainability initiatives.*