

Environment and Energy Committee Meeting

Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers (EJ TCTACs) and U.S. EPA Community Change Grants

June 18, 2024, 9:30-11 a.m.

Please register in advance for the Zoom meeting with the link sent to Committee members.

1. Opening Comments

Kevin Burns, Mayor, City of Geneva; Environment and Energy Committee Chairman and Executive Board Chairman, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus

2. Overview of Justice 40 and U.S. EPA Environmental Justice Programs

Edith Makra, Director of Environmental Initiatives, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus

3. EJ TCTACs and Assistance Offered Overview

Jen Fuller, PhD, Technical Assistance Specialist, Great Lakes TCTAC

a. Great Lakes TCTAC

Lisa Merrifield, Sustainable Communities Specialist, University of Illinois Extension

b. Blacks in Green TCTAC

Naomi Davis, Founder and CEO, Blacks in Green

4. U.S. EPA EJ Grants

a. Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program (EJ TCGM)

Jumana Vasi, Thriving Communities Grantmaker Program Director, Minneapolis Foundation

b. Community Change Grants and Other Technical Assistance Available

Jen Fuller, PhD, Technical Assistance Specialist, Great Lakes TCTAC

c. Regional Request Possibility

Edith Makra, Director of Environmental Initiatives, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus

5. Identifying Community-Based Organizations for Partnerships

Jodi Trendler, Graduate Student, Harvard University Extension

6. EJ Community Needs and Capacity for Grants

*Tom Armstrong, Chair, City of Elgin Sustainability Commission, and Kristin Youngmeyer, Sustainability Analyst
Kristi DeLaurentiis, Executive Director, South Suburban Mayors & Managers Association (SSMMA)*

7. Closing

Kevin Burns

Next Environment and Energy Committee meeting: ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager and other tools for jurisdictions to benchmark their own buildings, July 16, 9:30-11 a.m., virtual

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Metro West Council of Governments · Northwest Municipal Conference · South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association
Southwest Conference of Mayors · West Central Municipal Conference · Will County Governmental League