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Sustainability Planning for Local Governments Using the Greenest Region Compact

July 20, 2026, 10 a.m-12 p.m.

Old Post Office, 433 W. Van Buren St., Suite 450, Cook County Room, Chicago

10:00

1. Welcome

Kevin Burns, Mayor, City of Geneva

and Chairman, Environment and Energy Committee, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus

10:05

2. Introductions

Who is in the room and on Zoom? – Name & organization

10:20

3. Greenest Region Compact (GRC)

Edith Makra, Director of Environmental Initiatives, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus

What is the GRC? How does it guide municipal sustainability locally and regionally?

10:55

4. Sustainability Planning in Your Community

Discussion

11:10

5. Workshopping the GRC Framework in groups or Zoom

- Assemble in groups to share expertise and learning
- Choose from GRC Framework to work on select categories (*Climate, Energy, Mobility, Municipal Operations, Waste & Recycling*)
- Use Framework to guide your municipality or work together
- Mark up the GRC Framework page as the first step towards a sustainability plan

11:40

6. Group Share

How do I get from the GRC framework to a sustainability plan that serves my community?