

Sustainability Planning for Local Governments During Chicago Climate Week

Date: Monday, July 20, 2026

Time: 10 a.m. to noon

Place: Caucus office in the Old Post Office building, 433 W. Van Buren St., Suite 450, Chicago, IL 60607

Register: Please register by Monday, July 13. In-person participation is encouraged, but a remote option will be available.

Local governments have unique strengths and authorities to take meaningful climate action. Identifying and prioritizing these actions is the foundational step to creating a municipal sustainability plan. The Greenest Region Compact (GRC) is a sensible sustainability planning tool that municipalities like the [City of Rolling Meadows](#) and the [City of Countryside](#) have used to create plans and guide their strategic action. The GRC is being updated with municipally scaled climate actions from the [Climate Action Plan for the Chicago Region](#) and the [Comprehensive Climate Action Plan for Greater Chicago](#) making climate action even more accessible to local governments of all sizes.

This workshop during the inaugural [Chicago Climate Week](#) will demonstrate how to conduct a municipal sustainability assessment and use the GRC Framework to build the foundation of a sustainability plan. Regional greenhouse gas inventories and regional climate risk and vulnerability assessments will be leveraged to support integration of climate mitigation and adaptation targets in municipal sustainability plans. Join us for this interactive and productive workshop.