

Future Cities: Climate Strategies for Sustainable Communities

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Concerned about climate change and how it will impact Michigan?

The economic and environmental health of Michigan and communities across the Midwest are threatened by climate disruption. According to the U.S. Conference of Mayors, many communities have some climate mitigation policies—but more must be done. Future Cities: Climate Strategies for Sustainable Communities, presented by GreenTown: The Future of Community, will host mayors from across Michigan to identify and implement the needed steps to mitigate climate disruption and the rising threat to Michigan's economy.

At Future Cities, attendees will discover how Mayor George Heartwell has implemented various green measures in Grand Rapids and how other local communities are mitigating climate change. Mayor Dave Bing of Detroit will discuss his efforts to transform Detroit through usage of locally grown agriculture and sustainable transportation. Rebecca Humphries, Executive Director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment, will explore her organization's efforts in improving the air, land and water quality of the communities throughout Michigan.

This event will feature:

- 15+ sessions on such topics as Climate Strategies for Sustainable Communities; Community Design and Building; Healthy Food, Little Waste; and The Outdoors.
- 20+ speakers including George Heartwell, Mayor, City of Grand Rapids; Dave Bing, Mayor, City of Detroit; and Rebecca Humphries, Executive Director, Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment.
- 25+ sponsors, partners and exhibitors featuring the latest in green products and services – including Unilock, Consumers Energy, Aquinas College, Pioneer Construction, MiBiz, Serosun Farms, Pizzo & Associates, Ltd. and Quest Sustainable Solutions.
- 250+ attendees from the public and private sectors, ranging from mayors and city managers to landscape architects and community stakeholders.

Future Cities: Climate Strategies for Sustainable Communities will be held Friday, September 10, 2010 at Grand Valley State University's Eberhard Center in downtown Grand Rapids.

Be sure to join us for the USGBC's Green Buildings of West Michigan Tour on September 10-11, featuring tours of approximately 40 LEED-certified buildings.

For more information, visit www.usgbcwm.org.

Main Conference Sessions at Future Cities will include:

- Future of Greenhouse Gas Emission and Management Strategies
- Future of Energy Efficiency and GHG Inventory
- Building Green: Selecting the Right Team to Achieve Best Results
- Greening K-12 Schools: LEED Green Building Design
- Fields, Forks & Futures: How Healthy, Local Food Factors into Development
- Michigan Good Food Charter: Policy, Action and Economic Development
- Michigan Waste Reduction's Next Frontier: Food Scrap Collection and Composting
- Moving Toward Zero Waste
- Green Infrastructure: Adapting to a Changing Climate
- Water, Water, Not Everywhere: Great Lakes Water Conservation Planning and Local Implementation
- Growing your Business Green: How Sustainability Can Improve Your Bottom Line

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- Architects (AIA)
- Landscape Architects (ASLA)
- Planners (AICP / APA)

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