

Greening Your Government

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U.S. Green Building Council - St. Louis Regional Chapter
Government Advocacy Committee

Session One: Green Building & Energy Efficiency Basics for Municipal and Commercial Buildings *Sponsored by Stern Brothers & Co.*

Green Playbook: www.greenplaybook.org

The Green Playbook provides local governments with guidance and resources to rapidly advance green buildings, neighborhoods and infrastructure. It includes strategies, tips and tools that elected officials and senior managers and staff can apply toward building green and taking immediate action on climate change. Designed for those new to green development as well as early movers seeking to strengthen their programs, the Green Playbook consists of three sections: Green Buildings, Green Neighborhoods, and Green Infrastructure. Each section contains talking points and background materials, designed to prime elected officials and staff on the crucial issues. In addition, detailed how-to resources obtained from local governments across the country provide insight to successful operations. Practical program guidance, policies and regulatory levers flesh out each topic.

US Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Center:

www.usmayors.org/climateprotection/about.htm

As the author of the Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement, the US Conference of Mayors Best Practice Documents provide excellent examples of what is going on in municipalities big and small all over the country.

U.S. Green Building Council – Government Resource Page:

www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CMSPageID=1779

The USGBC is a non-profit organization committed to expanding sustainable building practices. USGBC is composed of more than 15,000 organizations from across the building industry that are working to advance structures that are environmentally responsible, profitable, and healthy places to live and work. Additionally, over 70 USGBC Chapters work on the ground (including St. Louis) all over the country to provide education and advocacy opportunities about green building. The Government Resource page includes a Public Policy Database, a Roadmap to Sustainable Government Buildings and LEED Green Building Rating System resources for Government.

ENERGY STAR for Local Governments:

www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=government.bus_government_local

ENERGY STAR is a joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy helping us all save money and protect the environment through energy efficient products and practices. The Local Government page includes resources for local governments including information on the ENERGY STAR campaign, the ENERGY STAR Challenge Toolkit (to promote energy efficiency in your



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community), ENERGY STAR's Guidelines for Energy Management and the Portfolio Manager, a tool to track energy and water use in existing buildings.

US Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy – Building Technologies Program: www1.eere.energy.gov/buildings/

The Building Technologies Program partners with states, industry, and manufacturers to improve the energy efficiency of new and existing buildings. On this site you'll find information and resources about innovative new technologies as well as energy-efficiency practices for designing, building and operating commercial and residential buildings. The site also includes links to information about the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and other Department of Energy Programs such as Energy Building Codes and Net-Zero Energy Commercial Building Initiative. Particularly useful for homeowners is the publication, *Energy Savers - Tips for Saving Energy & Money at Home*, which can be downloaded for free from the Publications page - <http://www1.eere.energy.gov/library/>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR
**Greening Your Government Session Two:
Helping Your Homeowners Go Green**
August 13, 7 – 9 pm at Webster Groves Recreation Center
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Additional Notes:



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