

Family and Youth Sustainability Education Workgroup.

Report to MSAC, July 26, 2023.

I. Family Sustainability Action Plan

- Developed a Family Sustainability Action Plan to educate Families as to how they could reduce their Carbon Footprint
- Posted Family Sustainability Action Plan and supplemental materials on Nashville. Gov.
- OR code developed for easy access
- Video is in the process of being developed in collaboration with Vanderbilt University

Summary of activities:

10/12/22 Preview to the Village Organization

10/20/22 Presentation to the Southeast Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society-SERMACS

11/?/22 Tennessee Science Teachers Association(Partnered with Nashville Section of ACS as exhibitor)

4/22/23 Earth Day Celebration(Partnered with MTG of the TN Chapter of Sierra Club as exhibitor)

5/16/23 NES Home Energy Workshop(Partnered with NES as presenter)

5/20/23 Tour de Nash(Partnered with Walk-Bike Nashville as exhibitor)

6/22/23 Fisk MSAC Workshop(Partnered with Fisk University Community Environmental program as co-presenter during ZOOM Workshop)

Lessons Learned:

- Must strengthen collaborations with community and Metro organizations with missions similar to ours is very important:
(Metro Nashville Public Library, Metro General Services, Metro Waste, Metro Department of Transportation, Metro Parks, Climate Nashville, Sierra Club, Faith Community, Metro Nashville Public Schools, Senior Serving Organizations, Community Health Advocates and Providers, the Village, Urban Green Lab, Cumberland Compact, TDEC Office of Sustainable Practices, etc)
- Must educate elected officials
- Must reach out to populations for whom English is a second language
- Must reach out to Seniors and Youth
- Must continue to make the connection between climate change and health.
- Must develop collaboration with the Media to get the message out.

Youth Sustainability Conference

Our committee is planning a youth Sustainability Conference. The event will target 75 – 100 MNPS juniors and seniors. The event is co-sponsored by Deloitte and Urban Green Lab. The conference will feature sustainability themed speaker, hands-on activities, and group discussions. The event was originally scheduled for this spring, but we were asked to reschedule our event to keep from competing with the Nashville Youth Climate Summit. Our event will now be held in this fall.