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Hello Max, Carissa, William and Nadja (and Connie, Mary, Rae and Zack)

Great to see you last night for your excellent conversation with the Food and Nutrition Council last night.

I'm so glad you will have time at a follow up meeting of the Food and Nutrition Council for the commissioners to reflect on Ramsey County's excellent draft Comp Plan, perhaps using some of the conversation tools that Nadja uses with groups.

Max, thanks for connecting with members of your comp plan team this week to brainstorm possible outreach steps.

The Alliance for Sustainability has really appreciated support from Ramsey County each spring in 2016 and 2017 for either \$1,000 or \$2,000 supporting our Alliance for Sustainability [Planning for Resilient Cities](#) workshops for city staff, elected leaders and commission volunteers that have been popular and well-attended, with very positive evaluations.

We are proposing that Ramsey County provide a \$2,000 sponsorship to the Alliance for Sustainability in June 2018 to

- collaborate with Ramsey County departments and commissions including the Food and Nutrition Commission and Active Living Ramsey Communities (and if they are interested) with Lucy and Russ with the City of St. Paul)
- to re-convene suburban City Commission volunteers (we could also have an afternoon session of city staff) and volunteers from St. Paul District Councils that are working on resilience-related projects for a
- County Wide Feedback Session on Ramsey County's draft 2040 Comp Plan (summer 2018) with a special focus on the Resilience Chapter and related sections (likely on a week-day evening)
- The dialogue event could also include time for St. Paul volunteers to learn about and share their ideas for St. Paul's draft Comp Plan and draft Climate/energy/resilience Action Plan now being developed.

Below I have included an initial draft outline of how this dialogue event could be facilitated, based on a very successful carousel brainstorm session that Hennepin County staff facilitated to gather ideas from key stakeholders for Hennepin County's 2040 comp plan goals and themes.

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Draft Initial Dialogue Event Outline and Facilitation Plan
County Wide Feedback Session on Ramsey County's draft 2040 Comp Plan (summer 2018)
with a special focus on the Resilience Chapter and related sections

Event Planning Team

- Alliance for Sustainability staff
- Ramsey County departments and commissions including the Food and Nutrition Commission and Active Living Ramsey Communities
- City of St. Paul staff Lucy Thompson and Russ Stark (and if they are interested)
- Key volunteers from the Food and Nutrition Council, Ramsey County active living, suburban commissions and district councils (other commissions are also welcome) Planning, Human Rights, Transportation, Workforce, etc.

Event Audience

- Re-convene interested suburban City Environmental Commission volunteers in Ramsey County (interested planning, human rights, parks commission volunteers, Mayors, City Council Members also welcome) and
- Volunteers from St. Paul District Councils that are working on resilience-related projects
- Relevant city staff (option to add) during an afternoon session

Event Purpose

- County Wide Feedback Session on Ramsey County's draft 2040 Comp Plan (summer 2018) with a special focus on the Resilience Chapter and related sections
- St. Paul volunteers (option to include time) to learn about and share their ideas for St. Paul's draft Comprehensive Plan and Climate/energy/resilience Action Plan now being developed.

Event timing and locations - week day evening?

- North End or East Side, Roseville, Maplewood

Draft Facilitation Plan – Dialogue/ community feedback Event – Ramsey County Comp Plan - Resilience related sections		
5:30 pm	Food and Networking	
6:00 pm	Welcome/ Context/ Opportunities – County Commissioner and staff and St. Paul leaders Overview of relevant sections from draft Ramsey County Comp Plan (and draft St. Paul Comp Plan)	
6:30 pm	Suburban focused Conversation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sharing relevant themes from their city's comp plans - Feedback on resilience sections - Exploring how to keep in touch to help develop and follow up on city and county level implementation steps 	St. Paul focused Conversation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sharing relevant themes from their district council 10 year plans - Feedback on relevant sections - Exploring how to keep in touch to help develop and follow up on city and county level implementation steps
7:20 pm	Carousel Brainstorm – 20 minute conversations at tables with 8 people per table <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facilitated by relevant county (and city) staff and commission leaders - Each person can participate in 2 or 3 small group conversations - Sharing relevant projects and themes from city comp plans and local projects - Feedback on relevant comp plan sections for Ramsey county (and St. Paul) - Brainstorm ways to stay in touch to develop and follow up on implementation steps and track results (possible success measures) 	
Possible break out table topics plus Open space Suggest your own?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Homes/ Apartments – energy efficiency, efficient new construction, affordability, equity - Energy Supply – solar, wind, etc. - Businesses – energy efficiency, renewables, workforce development, small business start ups - Transportation/land use/ active living/ TOD/ transit/ EVs/ FAVES - Healthy Food Access/ Local Food Economy - Climate Adaptation, water resources, urban forestry, health, emergency preparedness - Community connections/ social capital, resilience, safety, happiness 	