

GOING GREEN TOGETHER

A community leadership sustainability summit

Registration and Breakfast..... 8:00 - 8:15 a.m.

Welcome..... 8:15 - 8:30 a.m.

Commissioner Nancy Schouweiler, Dakota County

J. Drake Hamilton..... 8:30 - 9:25 a.m.

Fresh Energy



A regional and national expert on climate and energy change solutions, Ms. Hamilton will discuss energy solutions that lead to healthy economies, healthy people and greater energy independence.

Panel Discussion..... 9:25 -10:25 a.m.

Dr. Cheryl Frank

Inver Hills Community College

As the single metro college to receive funds (\$40,000) to explore a Community-based Alternative Energy Project, Dr. Frank will discuss how Inver Hills Community College is focusing on sustainability efforts in collaboration with the City of Inver Grove Heights.

Dr. Ron Thomas

Dakota County Technical College

Dr. Thomas will show how simple steps and small efforts are helping DCTC to reach their goal of sharply reducing the college's greenhouse gas emissions and accelerating research and educational efforts to help the community.

Dr. Robert Elde

University of Minnesota

As the Dean of Biological Sciences, Dr. Elde will emphasize the economic and educational value of implementing local, collaborative greening programs.



Break..... 10:25 - 10:40 a.m.

Gary Cook.....10:40 -11:40 a.m.

ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability

ICLEI provides technical assistance and support to help local governments implement sustainability - in practice and policy. Mr. Cook will illustrate how ICLEI can help make ideas become reality.



Closing.....11:40 - 12:00 p.m.

Mayor Holly Dahl, Lakeville

Sponsored by the High Performance Partnership - HiPP - which consists of local leaders from the cities of Apple Valley, Burnsville, Eagan, Farmington, Hastings, Inver Grove Heights, Lakeville, Mendota Heights, Rosemount, South St. Paul, Sunfish Lake, West St. Paul and Dakota County.



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Summit Speaker Biographies

J. Drake Hamilton, Science Policy Director, Fresh Energy

Ms. Hamilton directs Fresh Energy's Global Warming Solutions program. She analyzes scientific data and develops policy, and provides outreach on clean energy solutions that will maximize economic opportunities for the Midwest. Ms. Hamilton serves on the United States Climate Action Network board and was appointed by Governor Tim Pawlenty to serve on the Minnesota Climate Change Advisory Group, a group charged with recommending a 2008 Legislative Climate Action Plan to substantially reduce Minnesota's greenhouse gas emissions.

Ms. Hamilton holds degrees in geography and environmental studies from Dartmouth College and the University of Minnesota. In the past year, she has been invited to present to a number of businesses, including Xcel Energy, Target Corporation, Securian Financial, United Healthcare, Toro, Great River Energy, and recently addressed 600 professional staff at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Dr. Robert Elde, Dean of the College of Biological Sciences, University of Minnesota

Dr. Elde is the Dean of the College of Biological Sciences, University of Minnesota and a J.B. Johnston Land Grant Professor of Neuroscience.

During Dr. Elde's tenure as dean, he has worked to improve the quality of education and research at the College, and to apply research to enhance human health, the environment, and agriculture in Minnesota and beyond. Among his accomplishments, Dr. Elde has led the reorganization of the University's biological sciences programs to strengthen and refocus education and research and led the efforts to create the University's Initiative for Renewable Energy and the Environment.

Dr. Cheryl Frank, President, Inver Hills Community College

Dr. Frank has a PhD in Educational Leadership from the University of St. Thomas as well as a Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Nursing from Mankato State and University of MN, respectively.

Dr. Frank has an extensive career in academia including Director of Nursing at Inver Hills-Lakewood Community Colleges Associate Degree Nursing Program and Dean of Instruction at Inver Hills Community College. Since 1998, Dr. Frank has been the President of Inver Hills Community College in Inver Grove Heights.

Dr. Frank is currently leading the effort to green Inver Hills Community College. This year Inver Hills is joining the President's Climate Commitment national initiative and is the only college in the metro area to receive \$40,000 from the legislature last session to explore a "Community-based Alternative Energy Project."

Dr. Ron Thomas, President, Dakota County Technical College

Dr. Thomas has a PhD in higher education and has served as the President of Dakota County Technical College (DCTC) for the last eight years.

Prior to his appointment at DCTC, he served as President of Coffeyville Community College in Kansas. He also has extensive experience in both universities and two-year colleges in the states of Illinois, Wisconsin, and Washington. Dr. Thomas has worked closely with a number of federal agencies in Washington D.C.

This past June, Dr. Thomas signed on to the American College and University President's Climate Commitment, committing DCTC to sharply reducing - and eventually eliminating - all of the college's global warming emissions, and accelerating research and educational efforts to equip society to restabilize the earth's climate.

Gary Cook, Deputy Director, ICLEI

Mr. Cook has been engaged in climate policy development since 1997, working as a Staff Attorney for the Center for International Environmental Law, and as Climate Campaign Director for Greenpeace USA. Mr. Cook earned his J.D. from the University of Alabama School of Law, and a BA in Political Economy from Tulane University. Mr. Cook joined ICLEI as Deputy Director in 2007. He manages the strategic program and regional membership support functions for ICLEI U.S.A., and coordinates strategic partnerships.

Prior to joining ICLEI, Mr. Cook was Executive Director of the US Climate Action Network where he led a national coalition of organizations focused on global warming, education, and policy advocacy at the federal level.