



Nebraska Sustainability Leadership Workshop



Working Objectives

- Expand understanding of sustainability as it relates to challenges in Nebraska communities.
- Explore selected local or regional sustainability issues, generate integrated strategies for addressing the issues, and identify indicators for measuring progress.
- Examine principles of sustainability leadership and related practices for expanding leadership effectiveness.
- Walk away with immediately useful concepts, tools, frameworks or strategies for action.
- Develop a sense of shared community with other civic leaders in Nebraska: within communities, community to community, region to region.
- Become part of a statewide network of community leaders for the purpose of exchanging information and sharing resources (e.g., listserv and other).



Working Agenda

DAY ONE

8:30 am

Getting Started

Sustainability Leadership, Governance And Planning

- Sustainability: What is it? Why do we care?
- Sustainability Leadership Principles, Practices
- Identifying Local Issues
- Sustainability Nebraska

Noon (approx.)

Lunch

Case Studies And Best Practices

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- Energy Efficiency Best Practices
- Community Food Systems
- Linking and Prioritizing Local/Regional Issues

4:30 pm

DAY TWO

8:30 am

Recalibrating Day 2 Focus

EcoStep: Developing and Monitoring Indicators

Exploring Local/Regional Issues

- Issue Table Dialogues
 - Exploring Issues
 - Envisioning Possibilities
- Issue Table Reporting

Noon (approx.)

Lunch

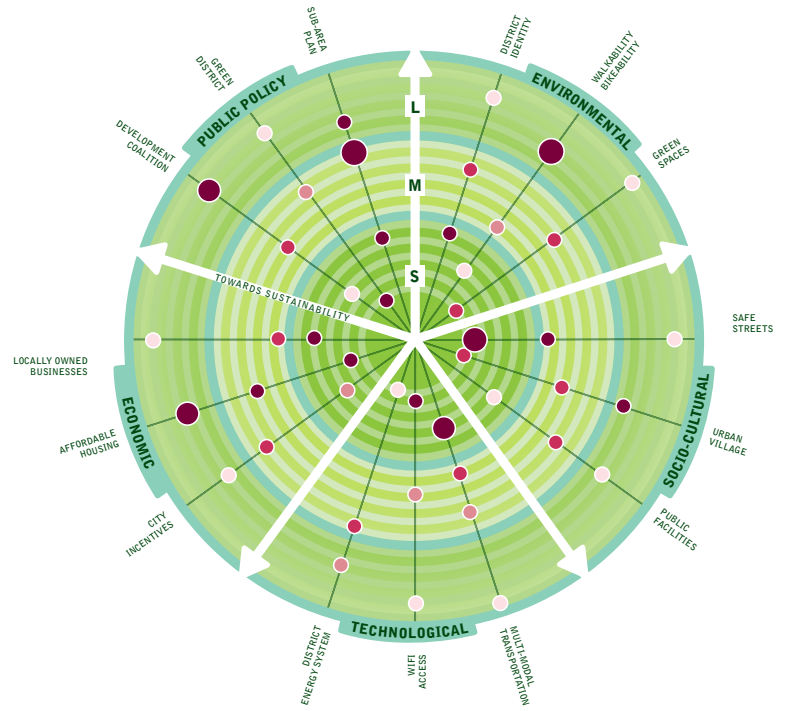
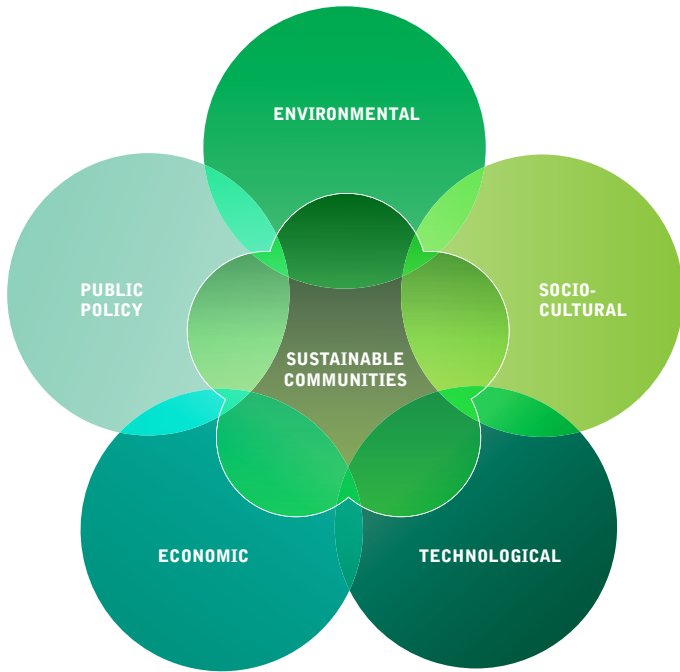
Experts Collaborating With Experts

- Issue Table Dialogues
 - Envisioning Possibilities
 - Designing Strategies
 - Catalyzing Action
- Issue Table Reporting

Where Do We Go From Here?

- Sustaining Momentum
- Personal Action Planning
- Reflection and Close
- Evaluation

4:30 pm



THE FIVE DOMAINS OF SUSTAINABILITY

EcoSTEP

MEASURING SUSTAINABILITY

Leadership Engagement Worksheet

Exploration questions from which to frame your own

Exploring Local / Regional Issues

What is the specific **sustainability issue** or opportunity we are facing?

What **factors contribute** to this issue?

Who are the **stakeholders** (individuals and group of individuals including adversaries, power brokers, uninvolved, unaware, like-minded doers) who impact, or are impacted by this issue? What are they saying at this point?

What other people, organizations and activities are **a part of this picture**?

What are our personal **intentions** for addressing this issue?

What is **our role** in relation to others in the network needed to co-create solutions to this issue?

Notes

Individual Action Planning

GOALS

ACTIONS I INTEND TO PURSUE

Immediate–Three Months

Results sought _____

Six Months–One Year

Results sought _____

Two–Five Years

Results sought _____

Name _____ Date _____

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