

2024 Commonwealth Sustainability Week



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Monday, 10/7, 12:00–1:00 PM

2035 Drawdown: Discussion of Partnerships & Emissions Reduction Strategies to Support 2035 Goals

Join us for the kickoff of the 2024 Commonwealth Sustainability Week by PA DEP Secretary Jessica Shirley! Pennsylvania is working hard to achieve our emission reduction goals within the Commonwealth by 2035 and beyond. And that is an effort that requires action at all angles and levels. Join us for this overview and conversation about the partnerships and strategies underway and still needed to reach our goals and consider the role you can play, no matter who you are!

Tuesday, 10/8, 12:00–1:30 PM

Climate Strategies at Work: Happenings Around the State

Climate mitigation and adaptation is not just a dusty plan sitting on a shelf – impactful action is happening right now across the Commonwealth! This session is packed with professionals from around the state who will share the successful climate actions happening in their communities and campuses. Join us for climate action highlights that can inspire you to take the next step with your organization or community.

Wednesday, 10/9, 12:00–1:00 PM

Engaging Your Community: Local Climate Action

Local and county governments should be critical focal points for climate action – being in closest touch with the needs and issues facing individuals within their communities. But do they know how to bring together the diverse voices in your community to ensure widespread representation in and engagement with your community's climate planning? Come learn about successful community engagement models and tools employed in Pennsylvania that can work for your community!

Thursday, 10/10, 12:00–1:00 PM

A Regional Approach: New Opportunities through Appalachian Sustainable Finance Hubs

There is more federal government funding than ever before to support climate resiliency. But too many small communities lack the personnel, expertise, and infrastructure to take advantage. A 5-state regional coalition led by the Steel Valley Authority has obtained funding to create new Appalachian Sustainable Finance Hubs to address this challenge and empower communities. Learn about the plans for this new initiative to connect communities across Appalachia with resources, partnerships, and funding to support climate resiliency!

Friday, 10/11, 12:00–1:30 PM

A Valuable Partner in Climate Change: Profiling the Climate Leadership of the Business Sector

Join us as Johnson Controls highlights their role to support client efforts on climate mitigation, resilience, and sustainability within the commercial buildings sector. Learn of their commitments to environmental sustainability and building energy efficiency. In addition, First National Bank will discuss financial solutions for renewable energy. Specifically, new opportunities for municipalities to pursue tax credits from the Federal Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).