

Environmental Sustainability at the Community Level



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WEC strives to ...

- engage communities in environmental issues
- work with community partners, businesses, and government agencies to build capacity related to environmental action and sustainability
- create a community of environmentally pro-active citizens



What we do

- Long-term projects
- Environmental events
- Working committees
- Detailed responses to inquiries about local and regional issues of environmental concern

Sustainability at the Community Level

- Capacity

Mainly human resources

- Partners

Increase capacity, add accountability, leverages funding

- Funding

Comes with well organized projects, partners and capacity





Community Garden

- Capacity: Volunteer committee, project management experience
- **Partners: City – land, Garden experts – workshops, CNA – soil tests ...**
- Funding: Charitable status = more funding options, experience in proposal writing



Electric Bike-Share

- Capacity: Volunteer committee, project management experience
- **Partners: Cycle solutions, MUN, CNA, GCSU**
- Funding: Charitable status = more funding options, experience in proposal writing



Farmers' Market

- Capacity: Volunteer committee, project management experience
- **Partners: City. NO FARMERS**
- Funding: Charitable status = more funding options, experience in proposal writing

The Larger Picture



- Shaping provincial sustainability

Energy West Symposium

NL Fracking Awareness Network

Food First NL Provincial Strategy

- Shaping national sustainability

By shaping provincial sustainability



Research and WEC

- Past:

Partnered with EPI to study the Farmers' Market

- Present: none



Research and WEC

- Future research questions:
 - Viability of green energy projects
 - Sustainable community funding opportunities
 - Carbon emissions inventory
 - Food security – small scale agriculture (opportunities and obstacles)



Next Steps of Action

- Running at max capacity
- Projects are born and raised by individuals
- Researchers interested in partnering should contact WEC at info@wecnl.ca