



MEMORANDUM

TO: City of Urbana Sustainability Advisory Commission
FROM: Scott R. Tess, Environmental Sustainability Manager
DATE: March 5, 2013
RE: March Staff Report

City Green Team

Pursuant to Goal 5 Action 1, the City has established an inter-departmental green team. The City Green Team has launched an internal website City Green Team page with a webform allowing all employees to submit sustainability ideas as part of a BE GREEN Challenge.

Climate Action Plan (CAP)

Barriers to Sustainability Behaviors Research

We received an estimate of \$55,000 to address the barriers to sustainability behaviors research called for in the CAP. This expense is not feasible, so we are reconsidering how we may address these actions. One of the three research elements may be addressed in partnership with an Env. Pshych class we are in discussion with at the University. Additionally, CUMTD has conducted sustainability behaviors research as part of their I Have Mi Plan project posted on www.ihavemiplan.com. There is potential that the results in this research could be summarized to answer one element of the CAP research. Finally, the residential element in the CAP research actions could be scaled down to address the smaller population that participated in the Home Energy Performance Program (weatherization) and investigate why some did not make energy improvements following their energy audit.

Paint Stewardship

The American Coatings Association and the Product Stewardship Institute (PSI) have introduced SB1705 the Paint Stewardship Act to establish a statewide paint stewardship program whereby the paint industry would be responsible for collecting and managing leftover paint in Illinois, reducing the role of government and the burden on taxpayers. PSI estimates that roughly 2.2 million gallons of paint go unused each year in the State. PSI states that if all of this paint were managed by the manufacturers, Illinois would gain a total benefit of over \$17 million annually. We will be reviewing this legislation, but we understand that it has been positively received in California, Connecticut, Oregon, and Rhode Island.

U-Cycle

See attached memo included in Committee of the Whole packet.

Next SAC Meeting

April 2 at 7pm.