

A background image of a community garden with several raised wooden beds. The beds are filled with young green plants, likely cabbages or leafy greens, growing in dark brown soil. In the background, blurred figures of people are visible, suggesting a community event or gathering. A semi-transparent dark rectangle is overlaid on the left side of the image, and a green circle is on the right side.

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Sustainable Neighborhood Network: Feedback, Input, and Ideas

3:00 – 4:15 p.m.



Sustainable Neighborhood Network

We are a network of cities harnessing the passion of neighbors for climate action and community resilience.



10 years
4 cities
32 neighborhoods
90,000+ participants
1,900+ projects, events and workshops



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Why this work matters

Working at the neighborhood level builds connections, strengthens community pride, and provides ways for residents to engage productively in city government.

SNN creates opportunities for direct, hands-on environmental improvement through collaborative idea-building and skill-sharing.

It's a unique approach to build community-level environmental action, strengthen neighborhood resilience and support cities in meeting their climate action goals.

Network Strategic Initiatives (2022 Strategic Plan)

- Build network benefits
- Strengthen financial foundation
- Embed diversity, equity, and inclusion
- Scale up

What we are working on

- 2022 Strategic Plan
- Inclusive Engagement (Community First Foundation Grant)
 - Speaker Series: Building Diversity and Strengthening
 - Engagement Inclusive Engagement Best Practices Guide
- ICLEI Action Fund Opportunity
 - \$1 million grant from ICLEI & Google
 - Objective is to develop a suite of innovative digital tools that will accelerate impact of program and network



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ICLEI Action Fund Proposal

- Neighborhood-level climate and equity data
- Tools to simplify and standardize data collection and reporting
- Database of best practices (replicable projects, equitable community engagement tools, marketing, leadership training, etc.)
- Resources to support expansion of program to other cities

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