



The Green Needham Collaborative



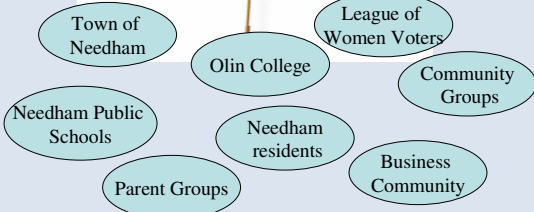


What is Green Needham?

Green Needham is a *collaborative* – bringing together Needham residents and organizations who share a common interest in **building a more sustainable community through collaborative efforts on energy and the environment.**



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Green Needham Mission

Advance local projects, action and education that will help...

- Reduce the use of fossil fuels
- Save money on energy
- Promote innovation in energy conservation and energy production, including renewable energy
- Offer collaborative and educational opportunities for Olin College & Needham Public School students



A community-wide nexus for energy & the environment

- Encourage networking and collaboration among Needham institutions, community organizations, businesses and individuals.
- Spawn and support action teams & local green initiatives.
- Educate & promote action by members of the Needham community.
- Reduce duplication by helping interested parties find and join existing efforts
- Generate community-wide engagement by putting a single face on diverse efforts



Organization

- Low overhead and flexible
- Individual members
- **Collaborating organizations** through participating members
- Steering Committee for long-term guidance
- Co-chairs to coordinate, keep things moving
- **Action teams** and **interest groups** to advance goals and distribute leadership
- Supporting **infrastructure** to facilitate collaboration



Collaborating Organizations

- League of Women Voters Climate Action Committee
- Olin College
- Town of Needham
- Needham Public Schools
 - NHS Science Department
 - NHS Environmental Club
 - Pollard Environmental Action Team
 - Needham Science Center
- GreenKids
- Temple Beth Shalom Environmental Concerns Committee
- Massachusetts Climate Action Network
- New England Wind Fund

Other represented organizations:

- US Environmental Protection Agency
- Commonwealth of Massachusetts DEP



Action Team

- A group interested in implementing a project related to GNC's mission and priorities.
- Action Teams can originate from other organizations/groups.
- Action Teams have a chair and co-chair.
- Projects that need people and multiple organizations collaborating to succeed
- Leverage Green Needham infrastructure, communications, meetings and membership.



Interest Group

- A group with a shared interest in a topic related to Green Needham's mission
- Interest Groups want to educate, inform and motivate the community in a specific area
- Should have a Chair and Co-Chair
- Interest Groups use the Green Needham infrastructure to present their topic to the community
- Interest Groups leverage meetings and membership to grow



Infrastructure

- Green Needham **wiki** for collaboration & communication
 - At <http://wiki.greenneedham.org>
 - Enables asynchronous collaboration
 - Can be viewed by all, but added to & changed only by members
 - Sustainable – member-generated content
- ListServes/Mailing Lists
 - General (>100 subscribers)
 - Tips
 - Action Alerts
- Meetings – every 6 – 8 weeks during school year
- Communications – Needham Times, Needham Channel



How to get involved

- Join Green Needham
 - Go to the wiki at <http://wiki.greenneedham.org>
 - Fill out the brief survey from the “Join Green Needham” page
 - No cost or obligation, just an interest in making Needham a more sustainable community
- Attend a meeting
 - Future meetings posted at the wiki
 - Notices provided through the Green Needham listserv
- Get more information
 - From the wiki at <http://wiki.greenneedham.org>
 - From Michael Greis (mgreis@comcast.net) or Wendy Surr (wendysurr@aol.com)
