**Upcoming Resilience Training Opportunities**

<https://metrocouncil.org/Handbook/Training/Workshops.aspx>

**Climate Vulnerability Assessment: Local Application**

When: **Friday, July 21, 2017** | 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Where: **Silverwood Regional Park** Great Room 2500 County Road E, St. Anthony

Minnesota is facing the challenge of a rapidly changing climate. Local approaches to Climate Vulnerability Assessment can identify the sensitivity of communities/systems to climate change impacts and provide strategies for mitigation and adaptation. With the current comprehensive planning process in full swing, this workshop provides an opportunity for a policy-driven approach to this work. Shalini Gupta, co-founder and Executive Director for the Center for Earth, Energy and Democracy, will describe the nexus of environmental crises and our economic and social history. You will leave with policy and implementation strategies for climate assessment work, a greater understanding of the importance of community engagement around this work, and an opportunity to get started, get unstuck, and take your project to the next level. The workshop will also include key takeaways around communication/buy-in, building and retaining resource capacity, and the importance of accessing relevant data to ensure a complete and practical assessment. 2.25 CM credits provided.

**Planning for the Environment, Including Resiliency**

In partnership with the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE)

When: **Thursday, July 27, 2017** | 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Where: TBD

Integrating racial equity into the plan for growth in communities increases the likelihood that benefits and burdens will be equitably distributed. We must plan for people and our environment. Resiliency and environmental justice policies and practices will help ensure the sustainability of our environment. 3.5 CM credits provided.

**Dakota County Resource People**

**Active Living / Dakota County Trails Master Plan Update**

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 <https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/parks/planning>

Greenway Collaborative [www.co.dakota.mn.us/parks/Planning/Greenways](http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/parks/Planning/Greenways)

<https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/parks/Planning/ParkPlans/Documents/ParkSystemPlan.pdf>

**Health**

[www.co.dakota.mn.us/Government/publiccommittees/SHIP/Pages/dakota-county-ship-strategies.aspx](http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/Government/publiccommittees/SHIP/Pages/dakota-county-ship-strategies.aspx)

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* Healthy Comprehensive Plan Check List <http://mnfoodcharter.com/planningguide/resources/>
* Healthy Dakota Initiative **-** [www.co.dakota.mn.us/Government/publiccommittees/CHA/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/Government/publiccommittees/CHA/Pages/default.aspx)

**Communities for a Lifetime**

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[www.co.dakota.mn.us/Government/publiccommittees/CFL/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/Government/publiccommittees/CFL/Pages/default.aspx)

The Dakota County Communities for a Lifetime initiative brings together residents, local businesses, community organizations, cities, and county staff to create networks of vital, accessible communities.

Key Challenges and Action Steps

 [www.co.dakota.mn.us/Government/publiccommittees/CFL/Documents/CFLKeyChallengesActionSteps.pdf](http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/Government/publiccommittees/CFL/Documents/CFLKeyChallengesActionSteps.pdf)

What makes a Community for a Lifetime?

* Transportation options to help keep people mobile and independent.
* Sidewalks and paths that are walkable for transport and exercise.
* A full range of affordable housing options as needs change.
* Accessible and quality services that support older adults and caregivers in home and community settings.
* Flexible and supportive employment and volunteer opportunities, including intergenerational activities.
* Effective technology to connect people and help with life's activities.

**Dakota County Emergency Planning** As part of the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan, Dakota County has identified the types of hazards that are most likely to occur in the area. They include: **Natural Disasters and Severe Weather** - Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Extreme Heat, Extreme Cold, Winter Storms/Blizzards, Floods **Disease Outbreaks, Bioterrorism**

[www.co.dakota.mn.us/HealthFamily/HandlingEmergencies/Planning/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/HealthFamily/HandlingEmergencies/Planning/Pages/default.aspx)

**Home Grown South/ Open Door Pantry** A collaborative network working on creating a more just, vibrant, and sustainable food system in and around Dakota County. From 2015-2018 our main goal will be to understand and influence the comprehensive planning process that informs the development of our communities over the next 20+ years.Casey Silver 651 605-2882 caseys@theopendoorpantry.org [www.homegrownsouth.org](http://www.homegrownsouth.org)

**Farmland and Natural Areas Program**

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 [www.co.dakota.mn.us/Environment/LandConservation/FNAP/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/Environment/LandConservation/FNAP/Pages/default.aspx)

**Dakota County Solid Master Plan update** (now underway)

[www.co.dakota.mn.us/Environment/ReportsStudies/solid-waste-master-plan/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/Environment/ReportsStudies/solid-waste-master-plan/Pages/default.aspx)

Sign up for project and engagement updates at wasteless@co.dakota.mn.us.

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 [www.co.dakota.mn.us/Environment/ReportsStudies/Pages/county-solid-waste-master-plan.aspx](http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/Environment/ReportsStudies/Pages/county-solid-waste-master-plan.aspx)

**Energy** [www.co.dakota.mn.us/Environment/Energy](http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/Environment/Energy)

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* Building and maintaining energy-efficient buildings, operating fuel-efficient vehicles, and increasing recycling are just a few of the energy saving initiatives underway in Dakota County. The County’s EnergyPlan.pdfEnergy Plan includes goals that focus on a variety of ongoing energy-saving priorities.
* Dakota County was the first county in the state to complete a greenhouse gas inventory, measuring the amount of greenhouse gases produced by county operations. This inventory will serve as a baseline to help guide County efforts to improve energy and fuel efficiencies, promote alternative transportation, and explore renewable energy options to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and save money.

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 **Business Programs and Rebates** [www.dakotaelectric.com/business/programs-rebates](http://www.dakotaelectric.com/business/programs-rebates)

 **Residential** **Programs and Rebates**  [www.dakotaelectric.com/residential/programs](http://www.dakotaelectric.com/residential/programs)

 **Wellspring - Dakota Electric Association**  www.dakotaelectric.com › Home › Renewable Energy

 [www.dakotaelectric.com/renewable-energy/wellspring-renewable-energy](http://www.dakotaelectric.com/renewable-energy/wellspring-renewable-energy)

 **Electric Vehicles** [www.dakotaelectric.com/member-services/programs-rebates/for-your-home/electric-vehicle-charging/](http://www.dakotaelectric.com/member-services/programs-rebates/for-your-home/electric-vehicle-charging/)

**Surface Water Plans Updates and Comp Plans**

Cities are updating their surface water plans as part of comp plan updates. Contact the Dakota County SWCD and your Watershed Districts for their updated surface water plans, so your city can synchronize with their goals.

**Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District** [www.dakotaswcd.org](http://www.dakotaswcd.org)

* 2016-2025 Comprehensive Plan [www.dakotaswcd.org/pdfs/ComprehensivePlan2016to2025.pdf](http://www.dakotaswcd.org/pdfs/ComprehensivePlan2016to2025.pdf)
* Watershed Management [www.dakotaswcd.org/watershed\_management.html](http://www.dakotaswcd.org/watershed_management.html)
* Stormwater Management [www.dakotaswcd.org/stormwater\_management.html](http://www.dakotaswcd.org/stormwater_management.html)

**Watershed Management Organizations in Dakota County** [www.co.dakota.mn.us/Environment/WaterQuality/Watersheds](http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/Environment/WaterQuality/Watersheds)

Watershed management organizations work to solve and prevent surface water-related problems.

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| Black Dog Watershed Management OrganizationEagan-Inver Grove Heights Watershed Management OrganizationLower Mississippi Watershed Management Organization | Lower Minnesota Watershed DistrictNorth Cannon Watershed Management OrganizationVermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization |