

The Sustainable Cities Network Regional Meeting

***Sustainability Resources at Your
Community's Fingertips***

**January 25, 2011
A.E. England Building, Phoenix**



Regional Tree and Shade Summit

Growing Connections: Roots to Branches
March 9, 2011, A.E. England Building at Civic Space Park, Phoenix



Presentations and a Discussion on Cultivating Green Infrastructure

Featured Presenters



Mark Buscaino, Casey Trees, Washington, D.C.
Mark Buscaino is the Executive Director for Casey Trees, an innovative nonprofit that is focused on the enhancement and protection of trees and forests within the District of Columbia. As the keynote presenter, Mark will discuss "Setting, Tracking and Achieving Urban Tree Canopy Goals."

Paul D. Ries,
Oregon Department
of Forestry



Macario Herrera,
USDA Forest Service

ISA CEU's
&
APA CM's
available!

Karen Irwin, EPA Region 9
Shannon Scutari, Arizona Department of Transportation
Bill Wiley, Maricopa County Air Quality Department
James MacAdam, Watershed Management Group

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Valley Forward Environmental Excellence Award of Merit

September 17, 2011





NBA Workshop Building Sustainable Communities

October 25, 2011



Best Practices (BMP) Workgroup & Green Building (GB) Workgroup



Solar & Energy Efficiency Workgroup (SEE)



- US DOE Sunshot Initiative: Rooftop Solar Challenge to Induce Market Transformation Grant– Involving AZ Communities in Workshops/Discussions
- PPA development
- Successful partnership w/ US Federal Highways on INVEST program
- Promoting solar in transportation related forums - AZ Roads & Streets Conference
- Sharing lessons learned for use and deployment of EECBG/ARRA projects/funds



Solar Opportunity for Input

Karen Irwin, EPA Region 9: Solar & Wind Energy Screening Decision Trees

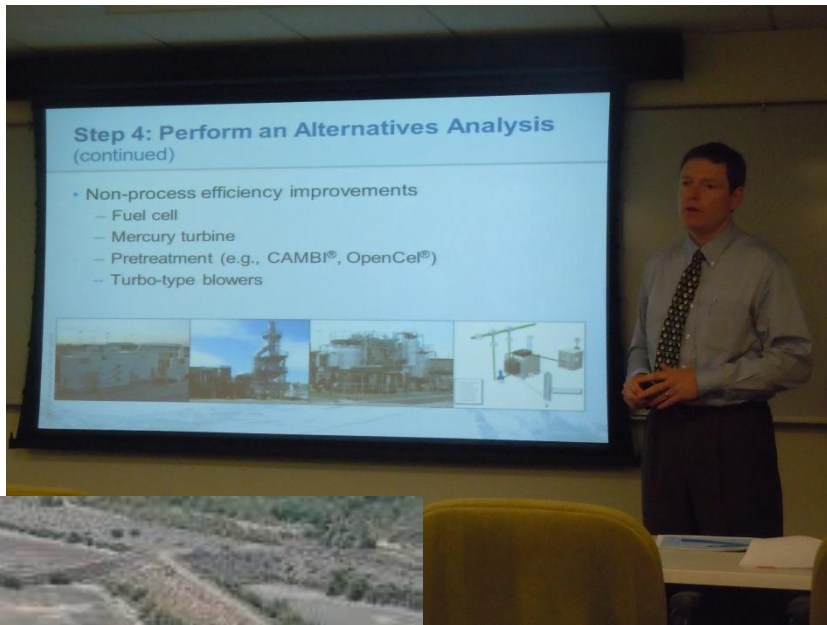
EPA and the Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Lab have developed draft decision trees to screen brownfields, greyfields, rooftops, abandoned parcels, and landfills for solar and wind energy potential. The [solar](#) and [wind](#) screening decision trees are designed to encourage leadership from local governments and other stakeholders in the development of renewable energy resources at the community level.

The decision trees address a gap of expertise that typically lies with solar and wind developers. They provide specific criteria in a step-by-step process, are formatted so users can evaluate either an individual site or sites across a community, and address both privately and publicly owned sites.

EPA is accepting comments on the draft decision trees through **February 16, 2012**, and seeks city and county volunteers to beta test the decision trees. Please email Karen Irwin at irwin.karen@epa.gov if you would like to volunteer. For more information, visit: <http://www.epa.gov/renewableenergyland>.



Water & Wastewater Workgroup (W4)



Regional Tree & Shade Summit / Green Infrastructure Workgroup



Green Infrastructure Workgroup (GI)



- Building on success of Regional Tree & Shade Summit
- Held first two Workgroup meetings, determined priority topics
- Secured additional grant funds for hands-on workshops in 2012
- Building on Shade Phoenix Initiative
 - EPA Greening Americas Capitals
 - HUD Sustainable Communities Grant
 - AZ State Forestry Community Challenge Grant
 - Arbor Day Foundation
- Reviewing national grant submittal opportunity



SCN Looking Forward



- Workgroups will continue to meet regularly
- Grants/Projects
 - US DOE Sunshot Initiative grant
 - Green Infrastructure Workshops
 - Online Municipal Sustainability Literacy Program
- Municipal Discussions:
 - Public Officials Sustainability Forum
 - Energy Code Transitions
- Identify Regional/Statewide Partnership Opportunities
- Continue Surveys & Inventories
- Seek new grant opportunities
- Expand Connectivity with Cities in AZ
 - Plan Statewide Meeting
- Increase Networking with Cities Across US



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