

ASU's Sustainable Cities Network

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Connecting Communities ❖

By building partnerships among diverse communities, cities can exchange information and training, identify and adopt best practices in sustainability and connect ASU's research to front-line challenges. There are 40+ communities from around the state and region participating in SCN activities.



SCN's Steering Committee produced a Greening Events Guide to help event planners host sustainable events

The Network provides:

- Practitioners with knowledge to accelerate the valley toward national leadership in sustainability.
- Resources to streamline city operations, advance solar energy, mitigate the urban heat island, design sustainable neighborhoods, and secure water supplies in a changing climate.
- The opportunity to work together to make sustainability a core value in city activities.

❖ Advancing Sustainability

Project Cities:

Sustainability through Local Action

Project Cities connects higher education with local communities, creating a powerful combination of knowledge and know-how. Through the program, sustainability faculty and students pair with a city to co-create strategies for a better environmental, economic, and social balance in the places we live.



Focuses on the needs, interests, and goals of Arizona communities.

- best management practices
- green infrastructure
- energy efficiency
- renewable energy
- water resources
- green building
- air quality
- climate adaptation
- sustainability communications
- economic development



The cities of Mesa and Glendale partnered through SCN to develop this Low Impact Development (LID) Toolkit.

❖ Cultivating Solutions

Network Activities:

- educational workgroups
- regional meetings
- training workshops
- events and activities
- partnership projects
- regional research
- ASU student and faculty engagements



"This is not just a great opportunity to partner with Arizona State University, this is another way to engage the community as a whole, find ways to promote our city as a great place to visit, do business, and, ultimately, live in."

**-Jeff Serdy, Mayor,
City of Apache
Junction**

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SCN and the American Meteorological Society (AMS) session on the impacts of extreme weather on local government.