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Clean Air Counts Communities Meeting
May 5, 2010
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Oak Park Main Library- Veterans Room
834 Lake Street
Oak Park, IL 60301

1. Call to Order and Introductions- President David Pope, Village of Oak Park
Environmental Committee Co-Chair and Clean Air Counts
Committee Chair
2. Resources: Grants and Technical Assistance (Handout)- Eve Pytel
Action Requested: Information Only
3. Generating New Goals for Clean Air Counts- Eve Pytel and David Gorman, Village of Lombard
Action Requested: Information and Discussion
 - a. Survey results summary
 - b. Discussion groups
 - c. Next Steps
4. For the Good of the Order
5. Adjournment

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Resources: Grants and Technical Assistance

Grants

1. Illinois Green Fleets (<http://www.illinoisgreenfleets.org>):
 - a. Alternative Fuel Rebate Program
 - b. Illinois Clean Diesel Grant Program (has some 100% funding for diesel retrofits and after that ARRA program is exhausted, a 25-50% match may be required).
 - c. Illinois Clean School Bus Program (Diesel Retrofits, Heaters, and Hybrids 30-75%)

2. EPA Grant Opportunities:
 - a. Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Pilot Program
EPA announces the availability of grant funds and direct assistance (through Agency contract support) and solicits proposals from eligible entities to facilitate community involvement in area-wide planning approaches to brownfields assessment, cleanup and subsequent reuse. Area-wide planning grant funding and technical assistance will be directed to brownfields-impacted areas, such as a neighborhood, district, city block or corridor. The grant funding and direct assistance will result in an area-wide plan which will inform the assessment, cleanup and reuse of brownfields properties and promote area-wide revitalization. EPA anticipates selecting approximately 20 pilot projects through this competitive opportunity. The deadline for proposal receipt (postmarked hard copy or via email) is June 1, 2010. http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/areawide_grants.htm

3. The RTA has released a Call for Projects for the 2011 Community Planning Program. <http://rtachicago.com/community-planning/submittal-procedures.html> outlines the key dates associated with the Call for Projects, including dates for Open Houses, application submittal deadline, and the project selection process. Eligible projects include [Transit-Oriented Development Plans](#); [Transit-Oriented Development Guidelines](#); [Local Transit Improvement Plans](#) and [Detailed Implementation Plans](#).

Free Assistance and Services

4. Manufacturer Sponsored Electronic Waste Recycling (Landfill Ban Starts in 2012):
 - a. Vintage Tech Recyclers, Inc. 630-640-1968 (Karri Gibson) (Open House, May 25th)
 - b. SSI 630-629-9344 ext 22 (Jade Lee)
 - c. Creative Recycling Systems, Inc. 813-451-2519 (Brian Diesselhorst)
 - d. COM2 Recycling 630-544-1708 (Saheem Baloch)

5. Integrated Pest Control Management for Local Government (Tool Kit and Technical Assistance)
 - a. Safer Pest Control Management Project, Steve Pincuspy spincuspy@spcpweb.org

Strategic Planning for Clean Air Counts

May 5th, 2010

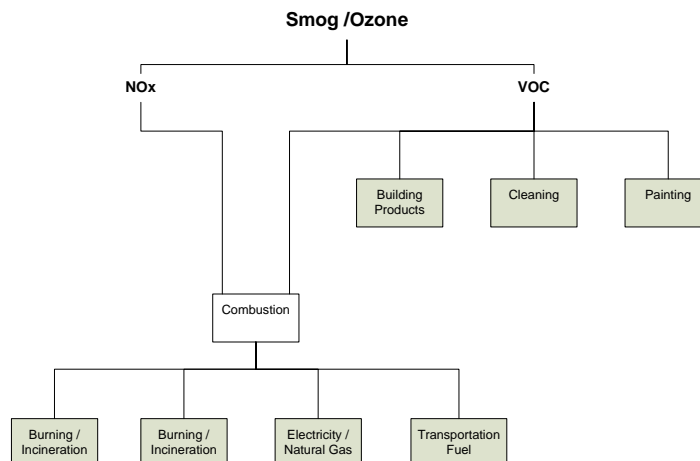
Outline

- Why Strategic Planning Now?
 - Survey Results
 - Discussion Groups
 - Next steps
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Background Info on CAC

- Emerged from the Regional Dialog on Clean Air in 1999
- Voluntary regional response to nonattainment
- Initially funded as pilot program
- Funded largely by US EPA with additional support from private foundations.
- Conceived of to mitigate negative economic development impacts of nonattainment.
- Original goal was reduce pollution by 5 tons per day

Refresher-Ozone Policy Diagram



Why Strategic Planning Now?

- CAC has now exceeded original goal by 230%
- New air quality issues
- A Different World: acceptance of “green” versus pre “Inconvenient Truth”
- Over ten years since “Dialog on Clean Air”
- Funding

Strengths-Businesses

- Members are recognized for the participation 73.7%
- strategies are quantifiable 67.2%
- is something organizations want to be associated with. 65.5%
- was early to provide basic framework for greening. 59.0%
- Affiliation with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, the managing organization for Clean Air Counts. 50.8%
- has strong municipal participation 50.8%
- website is informative 49.1%
- is a well developed brand 40.9%
- is focused on smog forming emissions 34.4%
- is a good introduction to LEED for Existing Buildings 31.1%

Survey Results-Community

Which of the following aspects of Clean Air Counts are important to you?	Response Ratio
Program is for local governments, businesses, institutions within the Chicago Metropolitan region.	73.9%
Every entity can improve air quality. It is not the responsibility of one sector to improve air quality, rather through building operations and maintenance strategies, many entities can reduce pollution.	65.5%
Clean Air Counts strategies should be quantifiable.	51.7%
Provide recognition and positive feedback to adopters which successfully implement strategies and report on them.	55.1%
All members are equally valued	37.9%
Campaign materials should be positive and inclusive	47.9%

Businesses

Every entity can improve air quality. It is not the responsibility of one sector to improve air quality, rather through building operations and maintenance strategies, many entities can reduce pollution.	68.8%
Program is for local governments, businesses, institutions within the Chicago Metropolitan region.	70.4%
Clean Air Counts strategies are quantifiable.	63.9%
Provide recognition and positive feedback to adopters which successfully implement strategies and report on them.	62.2%
Campaign materials are positive and inclusive	52.4%

Survey Results- Business/Survey Error with Community Survey

Which of the following aspects of Clean Air Counts are important to you?	Response Ratio
Program is for local governments, businesses, institutions within the Chicago Metropolitan region.	70.4%
Every entity can improve air quality. It is not the responsibility of one sector to improve air quality, rather through building operations and maintenance strategies, many entities can reduce pollution.	68.8%
Clean Air Counts strategies should be quantifiable.	63.9%
Provide recognition and positive feedback to adopters which successfully implement strategies and report on them.	62.2%
All members are equally valued	39.1%
Campaign materials should be positive and inclusive	52.4%
Other (Did not include plaque program)	0.0%
	100%

Ranking-Communities

Please rank the following Clean Air Counts activities in terms of how helpful or beneficial they are to your community.	Rank least = 1
Technical assistance for implementing Clean Air Counts Strategies	7.9
Notification of grant opportunities	7.5
Quantification of pollution reduction strategies	6.7
Communities meetings	5.2
Monthly newsletter	5.1
Clean Air Counts Forum Series	5.1
Policy papers estimating pollution reduction potential from policies	4.9
Drop-in articles for your newsletters and websites	4.7
Plaque program rewarding participating in CAC	4.0
Chamber of Commerce partnerships to engage local businesses in CAC.	3.9

Ranking-Businesses

- Quantification of pollution reduction strategies 7.0
- Technical assistance for implementing Clean Air Counts Strategies 6.4
- Monthly newsletter 6.0
- Networking with other Clean Air Counts members at events 5.9
- Clean Air Counts Forum Series 5.6
- Drop-in articles for your newsletters and websites 5.4
- Reporting forms 5.3
- Updated news stories and events on home page 5.1
- Clean Air Counts Annual Luncheon 4.6
- Advertising opportunities 3.9

Construction Strategy

	Com	Bus
Yes	23	55
No	3	5
?	3	5

Standard Comments:

- Not if it hurts economic recovery
- Dust control yes - clean diesel not sure
- ordinance language, Trustee presentation too
- brick cutting/landscaping equip emission
- Yes, when economy picks up there will be much construction
- Yes, and for municipal equipment as well.
- Yes, Requesting Tier 3 Cert Construction Equipment
- local ord should get CAC Credit toward Plaque
- Yes. The development of a construction strategy would help municipalities understand exactly what tools they can use and what practices they should be encouraging to enhance air quality with relation to construction.

Should Clean Air Counts Develop Introduction to LEED Program.

	Muni	Bus
Yes	24	44
No	3	9
Unsure	1	7

- Its the future of air quality control
- LEED is not an important consideration for us.
- No - not all are adopting LEED in ordinances
- not qualified to respond
- Would be helpful to departments & purchasing
- Yes, LEED is more common.

Should CAC Create a webpage on our site for Indoor Air Quality issues.

	Muni	Bus
Yes	25	46
No	2	8
Unsure	1	6

- I'm not sure that this would be as useful.
- Yes - ways to measure, steps to purify in home/business
- Yes definitely for workplace issues
- Yes, if it's easy to understand.
- Yes, members & public need more info
- Yes, that would be useful information.

Any Suggestions-Communities

- I think the CAC effort could be improved through the website. In addition to "news" & "events" there could be a "case studies" section. Knowing more on how other towns performed the work, their obstacles, timeline, costs.
 - The website should provide info as well as links to EPA & other trusted sources for case studies, strategies, articles and data.
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Any Suggestions? Businesses

1. Address use of toxic pesticides and herbicides.
 2. More participation in community events.
 3. There should be more active communications with ESCOs
 4. Address heavily contaminated Indoor Air Quality
 5. I struggled with entering in data on-line. Many times it didn't work, or I didn't know voc content. This has discouraged me from entering in data from last year.
 6. Clearer, more specific guidelines on exactly how to implement and maintain strategies. Instructions are somewhat ambiguous.
 7. Solidify the accuracy of the reporting process. Right now, it is on the "honor system". I'm not sure how to ensure the accuracy of the numbers.
 8. The annual pollution elimination recognition is actually the most valuable to my business.
 9. In our business, we receive more and more RFP's asking us what we've done on Environmental issues. The Clean Air Counts reporting is something quantifiable that we mention in these RFPs.
 10. More PR
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Barriers to Participation-Communities

- Lack of information 13%
 - Lack of staff time 52 %
 - Too many other priorities 26%
 - Other-Lack of funding 8%
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Survey Conclusion

- Most valued technical assistance from Clean Air Counts; followed by notification of grant opportunities and quantification of emissions strategies.
 - Supported creation of a construction strategy to address particulate matter.
 - Supported creating an introduction to LEED Program.
 - Support creation resources for addressing Indoor Air Quality.
 - Communities sited lack of time as the greatest barrier to participation in Clean Air Counts. This was followed by lack staff. A couple of respondents sited lack of information.
 - Business and community interested were aligned.
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Suggestions

- What we can do now with existing resources
 - Grant information
 - Case studies on the website
 - EPA resources on the website
 - Facilitate better exchange of information between municipalities.
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Break Out Into Discussion Groups

- What should Clean Air Counts look like moving forward?
 - Should CAC expand beyond NOx and VOC reduction strategies to include PM 2.5, and other air pollutants or GHG?
 - Should CAC provide strategies that are not quantifiable, but have been shown with peer reviewed literature to be effective?
 - CAC has attained its original goal of 5 Tons per day. What sort of goal should we strive for?
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Break out groups

- In August 2010, the EPA will finalizes its rule making and it is certain that we will know that we will be in severe nonattainment designation.
 - Should CAC convene a meeting for Mayors and Business Participants to proactively suggest voluntary measures to IL EPA?
 - Should CAC be prepared to comment on the final rule in August?
 - A state plan for voluntary and regulatory responses to the finding will be due in 2013. What activities should we undertake before then?
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Summary:

Most important aspects of Clean Air Counts were: CAC is for local governments, businesses, institutions within the Chicago Metropolitan region; provide recognition and positive feedback to adopters which successfully implement strategies and report on them; every entity can improve air quality. It is not the responsibility of one sector to improve air quality, rather through building operations and maintenance strategies, many entities can reduce pollution and Clean Air Counts strategies should be quantifiable.

Municipal respondents most valued technical assistance from Clean Air Counts; followed by notification of grant opportunities and quantification of emissions strategies.

Municipal staff strongly supported creating a construction strategy to address particulate matter. Staff strongly cautioned that programs should not hurt the construction industry, but should be in place because it is expected that there will be a lot of construction shortly responding to the lag from the recession.

Municipal staff strongly supported creating an introduction to LEED Program.

Municipal staff strongly encouraged the creation resources for addressing Indoor Air Quality. It was cautioned that whatever is created should not be overly technical and readily understandable.

Communities sited lack of time as the greatest barrier to participation in Clean Air Counts. This was followed by lack staff. A couple of respondents sited lack of information.

Ways to improve Clean Air Counts

- Case studies on the website
- Case studies and EPA resources
- Facilitate better exchange of information between municipalities.

Which of the following aspects of Clean Air Counts are important to you?

Answer	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Program is for local governments, businesses, institutions within the Chicago Metropolitan region.	17	73.9%
Every entity can improve air quality. It is not the responsibility of one sector to improve air quality, rather through building operations and maintenance strategies, many entities can reduce pollution.	14	60.8%
Clean Air Counts strategies should be quantifiable.	14	60.8%
Provide recognition and positive feedback to adopters which successfully implement strategies and report on them.	15	65.2%
All members are equally valued	9	39.1%
Campaign materials should be positive and inclusive	10	43.4%
Other	0	0.0%
	23	100%

Please rank the following Clean Air Counts activities in terms of how helpful or beneficial they are to your community.	Rank least = 1
Technical assistance for implementing Clean Air Counts Strategies	8
Notification of grant opportunities	7.7
Quantification of pollution reduction strategies	7
Policy papers estimating pollution reduction potential from policies	5.4
Communities meetings	5
Monthly newsletter	4.9
Clean Air Counts Forum Series	4.9
Drop-in articles for your newsletters and websites	4.7
Plaque program rewarding participating in CAC	3.7
Chamber of Commerce partnerships to engage local businesses in CAC.	3.7

The Chicago metropolitan region has unhealthy levels of particulate matter. A significant portion of particulate matter is related to construction. Should Clean Air Counts work with communities to develop a construction strategy to encourage use of clean diesel equipment and/or dust control?

Yes-19

No-1

Unsure 3

Comments

Answer

Dust control yes - clean diesel not sure

No strategy that inhibits work in this economy

Yes - ordinance language, Trustee presentation too

Yes redry brick cutting/landscaping equip emission

Yes when economy picks up there will be much construction

Yes, and for municipal equipment as well.

Yes, Requesting Tier 3 Cert Construction Equipment

Yes. Reduce the amount of airborne particulates.

Clean Air Counts provides a basic framework that can serve as the foundation for applying for LEED rating for existing building. Should Clean Air Counts create an introduction to LEED program?

No-3

Yes-19

Unsure-1

Comments

Answers

its the future of air quality control

LEED is not an important consideration for us.
No - not all are adopting LEED in ordinances
not qualified to respond

Would be helpful to departments & purchasing
Yes, it would be helpful.
Yes, LEED is more common.
Yes, we need more info

Should Clean Air Counts include text on its website to address Indoor Air Quality issues?

Yes-22
No-1

Answer

I'm not sure that this would be as useful
Yes - ways to measure, steps to purify in home/business
Yes definitely for workplace issues
Yes, if it's easy to understand.
Yes, members & public need more info
Yes, that would be useful information.

Barriers to participation

What is the greatest barrier to participation in Clean Air Counts?
Answer

Lack of information 13%
Lack of staff time 52 %
Too many other priorities 26%
Other-Lack of funding 8%

Please share any suggestions for improving Clean Air Counts.

First -CAC has been a great organization to work with, I learn the most from attending the meetings because they are discussion based. I think the CAC effort could be improved through the website. In addition to "news" &"events" there could be a "case studies" section. Knowing more on how other towns performed the work, their obstacles, timeline, costs. Many towns do not have a separate environment department .Instead, staff acts as a liaison & their job is not entirely devoted to the environment. Maybe the liaison works in B&Z, public works, planning, village clerk, etc. while they're extremely interested in the strategies they cannot devote 100% of their time for research. Seeing how other towns did it would 1. make it easier/faster (not reinventing the wheel) &2. Improve relationships btw other towns so we are all working together (neighboring or 50 miles away).Great Job - CAC has REALLY helped my community get going on clean air initiatives!

I've only attended one meeting because of staffing but the CAC information and the cause is good!

Since I am a new member, I would require more time before making any suggestions at this point.

The website should provide info as well as links to EPA & other trusted sources for case studies, strategies, articles and data.

Clean Air Counts is a great resource

This survey was used to understand how participating businesses and institutions view Clean Air Counts. The survey tried to get at what was most important to members and to determine support for various directions the Campaign may move in the future to react to the current air pollution issues. The following is a brief summary of the survey findings and indications.

Survey Response Rate 7%

Businesses felt that the biggest strengths of the program were that strategies were quantifiable and recognition afforded to members. They largely agreed that the program was one that organizations wanted to be associated with and the Clean Air Counts was among the first programs to provide a basic framework for greening.

Businesses valued that the campaign’s philosophy that every entity can improve air quality and that improving air quality was not the soul responsibility of one sector. They also strongly agreed that they liked that the program was specifically for local governments, businesses, and institutions. Quantification and positive feedback for reporting were also valued.

When asked to rank services provided by Clean Air Counts, quantification of pollution reduction strategies was ranked most important following closely by technical assistance. These were followed by networking with other Clean Air Counts members and the monthly newsletter. The Clean Air Counts Forum Series was ranked both very highly by some and very low by others indicating that those who value the forum series value it greatly.

Members strongly supported creating a construction program to combat particulate matter from construction and diesel vehicles; however, many people strongly advocate that it be optional and that it not be created in such a way that negatively impacts the already suffering building industry.

Members mostly approved of creation of an introduction to LEED program. Some thought that greater alignment with certification programs would be helpful. 25% percent disagreed with creating an introduction to LEED or were unsure.

When asked if Clean Air Counts should dedicate a page on the website to Indoor Air Quality issues, the majority of respondents agreed.

Respondents were provided an opportunity to make suggestions regarding Clean Air Counts. A third of the optional respondents praised the program; a few indicated frustration with reporting processes; and there was a concern regarding the “on you honor” system of reporting.

Please indicate strengths of the Clean Air Counts Campaign?

Multiple Response Question

N= 51

Clean Air Counts strategies are quantifiable	72.5%
Members are recognized for their participation	72.5%
Clean Air Counts was early to provide a basic framework for greening	62.7
Clean Air Counts is something organizations want to be affiliated	64.7%
Clean Air Counts Website is informative	52.9%
Clean Air Counts has strong municipal participation	50%
Affiliation with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus	52.9%
Clean Air Counts is focused on smog forming emissions	37.2%
Clean Air Counts is a well developed brand	37.2%

Clean Air Counts is a good introduction to LEED for Existing Buildings	31.3%
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Other:

- Clean Air Counts was one of the earliest organizations and others are trying to execute/copy ideal.
- I would like to see tighter alignment with other certification programs/organizations (like LEED and USGBC). You have gotten great participation from municipalities and small/medium businesses, but I feel there is an opportunity for more large business.
- The staff is helpful, resourceful and responsive.
- I don't know if it is well developed outside of the group that is involved with it.
- I would work on branding so you have name recognition.

Which of the following aspects of Clean Air Counts are important to you?

Every entity can improve air quality. It is not the responsibility of one sector to improve air quality, rather through building operations and maintenance strategies, many entities can reduce pollution.	74.5%
Program is for local governments, businesses, institutions within the Chicago Metropolitan region.	70.5%
Clean Air Counts strategies are quantifiable.	68.6%
Provide recognition and positive feedback to adopters which successfully implement strategies and report on them.	64.7%
Campaign materials are positive and inclusive	54.9%

- It is important that everyone participates as a community best practice.
- CAC needs to have quicker response for municipalities receiving awards. Also, awards need to be made from environmentally friendly materials.

Please rank the following Clean Air Counts activities in terms of how helpful or beneficial they are to your business or organization.

Where 1 is least

Technical assistance for implementing Clean Air Counts Strategies	6.6
Quantification of pollution reduction strategies	6.8
Networking with other Clean Air Counts members at events.	6
Monthly newsletter	5.9
Clean Air Counts Forum Series	5.6
Reporting forms	5.3
Drop-in articles for your newsletters and websites	5.3
Updated news stories and events on home page.	5.1
Clean Air Counts Annual Luncheon	4.5
Advertising opportunities	3.9

- I like the newsletter and assistance
- Most important is helping people follow your process, next is bringing together people with like minds.
- This was a tough one, as I find many of the programs have been valuable for me.

The Chicago Metropolitan Region has unhealthy levels of particulate matter. A significant portion of particulate matter is due to construction. Should Clean Air Counts develop a construction strategy to encourage use of clean diesel equipment and/or dust control?

N=51

Yes, 37

No, 4

Not sure, 5

Other comment 5

1. Yes, if it is cost effective only. Businesses are already at the breaking point and many have closed their doors.
2. Yes so long as cost for new construction policies do not increase.
3. Yes to diesel and use of bio-diesel should be encouraged.
4. Yes, as well as working to shut down or otherwise make the coal fired plants in Chicago cleaner.
5. Yes, if it is developed it should provide specific guidelines for the size of construction project.
6. Yes. I feel it would give some better direction as how to handle the construction industry and by products left in their wake.
7. Yes, only if it is enforceable
8. Yes, have some guidance for improvement strategies might encourage some construction companies to participate.
9. Yes, I think diesel equipment for all trucks is important. Also, 3 stroke lawn mowers and blowers are used extensively by lawn care companies. The numbers are big, but bigger landscape companies should comply.
10. Yes clean diesel would be a first good start.
11. Yes, It would be helpful if there was a standard boilerplate for all municipalities to use when they send out RFQ's for construction. Perhaps it would be better to set up a standard set of guidelines for allowable dust, noise and air quality during construction.
12. Absolutely, we need to encourage this & enter into the trucking industry
13. CAC should stay focused on its mission to reduce emissions to the atmosphere. Control of emissions from construction activities seems to fit into the CAC mission. CAC should proceed as internal resources allow.
14. Yes, this would be a great opportunity to work with construction companies.
15. Yes. As long as it remains optional and not required.
16. Yes, This strategy should align with other things that may already be in place for things like LEED.
17. Yes, as part of a model "LEEDS" ord./program for local govt

Other Comments

1. I understand dust control, but what is clean diesel equipment? Why not use another resource to power the equipment? If you're going to spend money, do it in a productive way, don't put a bandage on the same tired fuel. Clean coal anyone? right.
2. It would depend on other regulations that are put in place for clean air standards. It could be part of a specification that is required for new construction projects.
3. In Las Vegas and several other western cities, a building permit is not issued until the general contractor has submitted, and the authorities have approved, a dust control program. Perhaps Chicago area municipalities should consider similar ordinances.
4. It would depend on other regulations that are put in place for clean air standards. It could be part of a specification that is required for new construction projects.

5. It might help, however given how budgets are these days, I imagine you won't find contractors willing to take additional measures for free, and if they cost more, communities might not be willing to pay it.

Clean Air Counts provides a basic framework for greening that can provide the foundation for LEED Existing Building. Should Clean Air Counts develop an introduction to LEED program?

Yes 27

No 9

Unsure, 3

Comment 3

Activities such as LEED certification play an important role in efforts to protect the environment. CAC may want to poll the members to see if there is widespread pursuit of LEED certification. CAC should proceed as internal resources allow.

No with qualification:

1. I think just providing resources for people to guide them through the process is adequate. Most people use an architect or consultant to guide them through the process.
2. No, the USGBC has a variety of resources that are available for LEED. Promoting upcoming events (i.e., Greenbuild Chicago 2010) could help raise awareness.
3. not ness. others have it already such as usgbc, and various building codes etc.
4. There are plenty of LEED programs available already
5. No. LEED is run by USGBC, which is a contractor's association. I believe CAC risks losing its independence if it aligns itself with LEED too closely. LEED is not the only green certification system out there--it's just the best marketed and most expensive. CAC should not become a mouthpiece for USGBC.
6. I think they do a decent job talking about it now. If someone is really interested, an architect would be need to build a new building, and they'd know what was needed.

Yes with qualification

1. Sure, it would be a good to have a resource or a starting point for such issues.
2. Yes, I would like to see something that could be applied to existing school buildings.
3. Yes. I wasn't aware of the basic framework and how it can lead to LEED.
4. You fit right into the Energy & Atmosphere category which is considered one of the most important category. Absolutely!
5. Yes, though would it compete with the work USGBC is doing?
6. Yes. We need local education on LEED
7. There would be benefit to better aligning Clean Air Counts report structures with LEED requirements. (not just EB)
8. I feel it would a great idea as most people outside of building departments have no ideas of what is inclusive/available in LEEDs.
9. yes, at a low cost and easily accessible.
10. That would be helpful.

Other Comments

1. Leeds need more options, as it is a costly to be "greening" in the current economy
2. If the LEED organization is willing to help you develop, and pay for that type of program, yes.
3. LEED is not the only green building program. You should use a more inclusive strategy incorporating other green sustainable building practice programs. Don't disregard programs such as Energy Star or Green Globes.
4. would be interesting. not sure enough towns even pursue leed

Should Clean Air Counts dedicate a page on its website to indoor air quality issues?

Yes 37

No-6

Unsure-8

Comments 3

Yes

1. Yes, mainly due to people with respiratory conditions and the issues of mold in which the state of Illinois has no standards
2. Yes, helping find ways and ideas to improve indoor air quality would help everyone in the work place.
3. Yes, that would be helpful
4. Yes. We spend 80%+ indoors.
5. Yes. This topic is very important for most people in the work force.
6. Yes. It might be a good idea to speak with environmental doctors, allergists, occupational health people etc... about the dangers of poor IAQ.
7. Yes, that's a great idea! Identifying ways that employers can create cleaner indoor air is important. It would be helpful to identify the potential benefits of such a program in terms of health care savings.
8. Yes, that would be helpful.
9. Yes, it is an issue that is often overlooked.
10. Yes, Indoor air quality is generally much worse than outdoor air, especially as houses become more weather tight. I worked in this field 20 years ago, and the outside air was pristine compared to most indoor air samplings.
11. Yes, Indoor air quality is generally much worse than outdoor air, especially as houses become more weather tight. I worked in this field 20 years ago, and the outside air was pristine compared to most indoor air samplings.
12. yes - ServePro is a good resource on indoor air quality
13. This would be a great way for municipalities to create a connection with residents and businesses as far as indoor air quality. Some great programming could come from this if information and guidance is provided.
14. Sure, it would be a good to have a resource or a starting point for such issues.
15. It would be helpful
16. Indoor air quality is an ongoing issue that deserves much attention. Possibly, a page with useful links would be a good start. CAC should proceed as internal resources allow.

No with comment

1. No. CAC should maintain its focus on its core mission of outdoor air quality.
2. No, but this could be a featured topic in the newsletter or focus for an educational session.
3. I think outside the building is more important for better total air quality

Comments

1. No comment
2. Maybe worthwhile. Don't know of a big issue with it generally
3. It sounds like a good idea. I am unsure hw much I would use it.
4. If resources are available to do so.
5. I don't know about a page, but it should be one of many issues addresses
6. I don't know.

Please share any suggestions for Clean Air Counts?

Comments

1. needs to be more high profile w/elected officials, mayor daley and leading high profile companies
2. I would like to see more aspects of green landscaping incorporated in your program (use of toxic pesticides and herbicides).

3. There should be more active communications with ESCOs
4. We have gained considerable knowledge on common sense approach to becoming greener by participating in CAC's. We continue learning on green efforts by attending the free session offered by CAC.
5. Keep up the good work! You may want to have a booth at the Elmhurst Green Fest, July 31.2010. I struggled with entering in data on-line. Many times it didn't work, or I didn't know voc content. This has discouraged me from entering in data from last year.
6. More exposure - still not well known
7. I support all your efforts
8. keep up the good efforts
9. Clearer more specific guidelines on exactly how to implement and maintain strategies. Instructions are somewhat ambiguous.
10. I think the current strategies are good, but many of them seem difficult to comply with primarily because they are written in a general manner. I think they all ask good questions however sometimes it seems the information being sought may not have been considered completely before including it in the required submission information.
An example is that we have tried to comply with the office machine strategy and have spent a considerable amount of time compiling information on our equipment and then we became stumped on a question asking for a specific measurement of electricity used by each piece of equipment. Even upon contacting the equipment manufacturer we were unable to get the information requested. The process has since stalled and we have redirected resources elsewhere. The strategies need to address certain needs and measure relevant information that will be used to increase efficiency or to direct future purchasing decisions that ultimately promote clean
11. I think the indoor air quality is a great direction from homes to offices to retail establishments. This is a great way to become a well known brand outside of the insular circle that exists today. Mold, cooking oil, natural gas combustion byproducts, personal care products etc all contribute to a heavily contaminated indoor environment.
12. Solidify the accuracy of the reporting process. Right now, it is on the "honor system". I'm not sure how to ensure the accuracy of the numbers.
13. The annual pollution elimination recognition is actually the most valuable to my business.
14. Have you heard of NaCCRA (National Continuing Care Residents Assoc.) and their newsletter Life Line (the Resident's Watchdog...The Industry's Friend)? www.NaCCRA.org. Also: A member, Robert Lane is Pres. & co-founder of Gray is Green and wrote a Handbook on Conservation for Retirement Communities. It was updated in 2010 67 pages. ww.grayisgreen.org and danpeerless@grayisgreen.org will show you the handbook. It is written for administration staff and residents. I am hoping this will strengthen the support and relationship with residents for green efforts.
15. Keep up the good work. In our business, we receive more and more RFP's asking us what we've done on Environmental issues. The Clean Air Counts reporting is something quantifiable that we mention in these RFPs.
16. More participation in any community event. Residents are getting ore interested and more educated and concern for personal health.