

# Reading Green Communities Forum, hosted by Reading’s Climate Advisory Committee and the Town of Reading

Wednesday, September 22, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM

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## Forum Audience:

- Select Board, School Committee, Town Meeting members, Boards/Commissions/Committees, RMLD Board, Citizens’ Advisory Board, staff and town managers from RMLD communities

## Forum Goals:

- Share information about the Town’s progress toward becoming a Green Community and other related green initiatives, so that decision makers and the engaged public are aware of ongoing efforts.
- Solicit guiding input from decision makers and the engaged public on topical priorities for Town investment in energy efficiency, so that Town staff and management can emphasize these areas for future investment and public engagement.

## Forum Roles:

- Forum MC/Facilitator and Zoom Host: Julie Mercier
- Tech Support: Jayne Wellman
- Poll Support: Megan Aki

## Draft Agenda

Time	Agenda Item	Presenters
6:30 – 7:00 PM	<i>Pre-forum set up and presenter check-in</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All presenters and facilitators will join 30 minutes before the forum starts to test audio/video and screenshare.</li> </ul>	All
7:00 – 7:10 PM	Welcoming Remarks and Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome – David</li> <li>• Agenda overview – Julie</li> <li>• Zoom housekeeping – Meg</li> </ul>	David Zeek, Climate Advisory Committee
7:10 – 7:30 PM	Going Green in Reading: Where we are today <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town presentation on Green Communities 101 and where Reading is today on achieving the five criteria (10 minutes)</li> </ul>	Julie Mercier, Town of Reading David Zeek, Climate Advisory Committee Coleen O’Brien, RMLD

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate Advisory Committee presentation on recent initiatives that align with the goals of the Green Communities program (5 minutes)</li> <li>• RMLD presentation on priority fleet and building efficiency initiatives (5 minutes)</li> </ul>	
7:30 – 7:40 PM	<p>Poll Opportunity #1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What best describes your role in the Community? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Resident</li> <li>○ Elected official</li> <li>○ Local board/committee member</li> <li>○ Town Meeting member</li> <li>○ Town staff person</li> <li>○ Other</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Presenter: Julie Poll Facilitator: Meg</p>
7:40 – 8:05 PM	<p>Planning to Reduce Our Municipal Energy Use: How we get there</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MAPC presentation on the purpose and scope of the energy reduction plan and key information about peer Green Communities (10 minutes)</li> <li>• Joe to introduce performance contracting concept and project timelines (3 minutes)</li> <li>• NORESKO presentation on past and present performance contracting with Reading (12 minutes)</li> </ul>	<p>Megan Aki, MAPC Joe Huggins, Town of Reading John Kauppinen and Eric Pare, NORESKO</p>
8:05 – 8:15 PM	<p>Q&amp;A on Energy Reduction Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meg, NORESKO rep, and Bob available for questions</li> </ul>	<p>Facilitator: Julie</p>
8:15 – 8:25 PM	<p>Poll Opportunity #2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Q1: What is <b>most</b> important to you to see the Town consider in its selection of energy conservation measures? (<i>Single selection</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The amount of energy savings potential</li> <li>○ The financial cost to the Town</li> <li>○ Health and other associated long-term co-benefits</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Q2: Town staff has identified almost \$5 million of improvements to the Town/School buildings. Which would you prefer? (<i>Single selection</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Limit the scope of work to Town/School buildings</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Presenter: Julie Poll Facilitator: Meg</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Do work in public spaces in the community, not just public buildings</li> <li>● Q3: What additional sustainability measures are you <b>most</b> interested in seeing the Town pursue? (<i>Single selection</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rooftop solar PV on municipal buildings</li> <li>○ Solar canopies on municipal parking lots</li> <li>○ Behavioral energy efficiency programs in Reading Public Schools</li> <li>○ Building operator certifications and training for Town facility staff</li> <li>○ Public electric vehicle charging stations in municipal parking lots</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
8:25 – 8:30 PM	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● What’s next for Reading’s Green Communities efforts?</li> </ul>	Bob LeLacheur, Town of Reading