



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN WEST SUBURBAN MUNICIPALITIES AND CROSS-COMMUNITY CLIMATE COLLABORATIVE

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), while not a legally binding document, does indicate a voluntary agreement between the municipal partners of West Suburban Cook (the Partners) and the Cross-Community Climate Collaborative (C4) (the Collaboration) to cooperate in the implementation of the collaborative.

C4 is designed to bring together BIPOC and non-minority communities across income lines to share ideas, secure resources, and drive large-scale projects within and across communities that achieve agreed upon greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions, equity, and sustainability goals. All C4 goals and objectives will align with three fundamental **Imperatives: Resiliency, Equity, and Climate Protection**. The roadmaps will be customized to reflect the sustainability priorities identified by the partner, while supporting the broader goals of C4.

The project supports disinvested and resourced communities in a unique collaboration that places goal attainment and metrics on a timeline regarding the climate crisis, equity and sustainability above “pat on the back” projects that look good but do little to move the needle on agreed upon science-based goal targets and equity metrics. C4 combines a cross-community collaboration process, internal “all stakeholder” community sustainability team development, large-scale projects, resource acquisition and metrics to get more communities in the game of sustainability and to share knowledge and resources that avoids reinventing wheels and achieves maximizing results.

The expected outcomes of C4 include:

- Achieve 45% greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions by 2030 from 2010 levels and 100% reductions by 2050 in accordance with science-based recommendations.
- Achieve equity outcomes related to GHG emissions reductions and sustainability goals across communities, including workforce and small business development, reduced energy burden, and support with adapting to the effects of the climate crisis that BIPOC communities are disproportionately facing.
- Bring resources to traditionally underserved communities working to achieve equitable sustainability outcomes.
- Drive large-scale projects in the areas of renewable energy, energy efficiency, electric vehicles, jobs and workforce development, air quality improvement and other sustainability areas that help to achieve GHG emissions reductions, equity and sustainability goals.

- Drive GHG inventories and equity and sustainability metrics and regular tracking of progress against agreed upon goals and timelines.

The terms and conditions, including responsibilities of the Consultants and the Partners, are listed below.

Term One: Term of MOU: This MOU shall begin upon signature by authorized representatives of the Partners and Consultants and may be renewed from year to year by mutual written agreement, services are subject to available funding from responsible partner(s).

Term Two: Consultants: Urban Efficiency Group and Seven Generations Ahead will provide the following services to support the C4 collaboration:

- Host an ongoing awareness campaign to ensure timely information sharing with stakeholders.
- Design customizable and scalable roadmaps for each partner that delivers on their local sustainability goals while supporting the broader goals of C4.
- Scalable implementation of the C4 “Climate and Sustainability Plan”
- Provide guidance to partners during the formation of their sustainability working group or commission.
- Assemble a working group to develop C4 performance metrics.
- Provide collateral materials for C4 the Program and enrollment process
- Assist the partners in organizing the MOU Signing Day.
- Assist partners with grant development & larger scale funding acquisitions
- Provide an online platform to access C4 information and associated forms.
- Provide access to technical resources.
- Connect the Partners with local, state and federal resources that support the roadmap performance indicators outlined in their Urban Sustainability Plan

Term Three: Municipal Partner Provision. The Partners agree to providing the following support for the Program:

- Agree to GHG emissions reduction’s goal targets and track GHG emissions and other sustainability and equity indicators annually.
- Agree to participate in monthly cross-community core team meetings, and to pursue agreed upon scopes of work.
- Agree to establish a sustainability working group or commission within each respective community that develops a strategy to achieve sustainability goals and GHG emissions reductions goals and targets.
- Agree to work toward becoming a sustainable community.
- Agree to providing a public endorsement of C4 to signal its legitimacy.
- Work with the consultants and other partners to issue a joint press release and stage a press conference announcing C4.
- Assist with socializing C4 with other municipalities to encourage participation and adoption.
- Use local access television, social media, newsletters, or other forms of media available to raise awareness of C4.

- Provide access to relevant community data in accordance with privacy and security policies that may assist in roadmap development.

Term Four: Termination:

Either party may withdraw from this MOU with thirty (30) days written notice to the other party.

Katrina Thompson, Village of Broadview Mayor

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Vicki Scaman, Village of Oak Park Mayor

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Cathy Adduci, Village of River Forest Mayor

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