



Friday, January 29th, 2010

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The Green Connection

Green Committee Meeting

ALL ARE WELCOME

Tuesday, February 9th

8 am

Developing an Energy Conservation Plan
for your Business

South Carolina Energy Office

www.energy.sc.gov

James Island Recreation Center

1088 Quail Drive

Please look below to see the message from James Meadors about refinements to the plan and subcommittee meetings.

Plan Update—Next Steps

Our next Green Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 9th at the James Island Recreation Center will be our final review as a committee of the Green Plan prior to taking it back to City Council for adoption. We will be proposing some clarifications to make our intent clearer and looking for any additional input. I feel certain that with proper clarification we can address most of the issues that have been raised by both the public and council members. We need your participation in that process just as we have all along. I am asking each of you to review your section once again and bring anything that might be of concern to your subcommittee chair's attention by February 1st. If you are new to this review, please submit your ideas to charlestongreen@ci.charleston.sc.us. In addition, if you know people who have questions, please encourage them to join our conversation next month.

I am confident that this process is improving our work.

Hold the date! Tuesday, February 23rd is the most likely time for the Green Plan and any changes to be presented to City Council. This meeting will be located at City Hall which is 80 Broad Street.

Thank you for all you have done for the CGC.

James Meadors

Why support the Charleston Green Plan?

Charleston Green Plan provides:

1. Cost savings to City operations
2. Cost savings to citizens
3. Greater dependence on renewable energy sources
4. Therefore less energy dependence on foreign sources,
5. Create jobs
6. More efficient use of finite natural resources
7. More competitive applications for grant funding
8. Improve public health
9. Protect clean water and clean air
10. Preserve cultural identity
11. Retaining and attracting young professionals and entrepreneurs
12. Slow climate change
13. Add your reasons here



See the attached pdf for more reasons to support the Charleston Green Plan

To see the plan's **new Executive Summary** or the **full plan** and **adopted amendments** see either of these sites.

<http://www.charlestongreencommittee.com/>

<http://www.charlestoncity.info/dept/content.aspx?nid=1949>

Green tip of the week:



Flush out your water heater. Click here to find out how <http://repair2000.com/hotwtr.html>

One Stop Shopping for Energy Efficiency

What: Webinar: The Community Energy Challenge in Whatcom County, Washington

When: Thursday, February 4th

Time: 3:00 PM

Where: Your computer!

Whatcom County will show off their creative use of funding and local partnerships to create a full-service retrofit program for businesses and residents.

The session will feature:

- An example of leveraging Recovery Act funds to attract private capital
- Tips for attracting the participation of both small businesses and home owners

- How to work with local non-profits and other partners to offer a full-service retrofit Program

To Register click here: <http://www.eecbg.energy.gov/solutioncenter/webcasts/default.html>

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White House awards \$2.3 Billion in tax credits for green developers

President Obama has awarded \$2.3 billion in tax credits for green manufacturing. “A robust energy sector” will create jobs for the future according to the President. The tax credits are intended to spark capital investments in the energy manufacturing sector. The credits will create more than 17,000 manufacturing jobs. In addition the program will support the manufacture of wind, solar and geothermal energy equipment and other new technologies.

To read the full article click here: <http://greeninc.blogs.nytimes.com/2010/01/08/white-house-awards-23-billion-in-tax-credits-for-clean-energy-developers/?emc=eta1>



Learning from others: San Francisco to Reduce Carbon Footprint via Commercial Buildings

In an effort to reduce their carbon footprint and improve energy efficiency, the City of San Francisco has enlisted a task force intended to make existing commercial buildings more energy efficient. The task force evaluated the existing commercial buildings in the city in order to establish a baseline. The next step will be to establish incentives and initiatives to be administered effectively and efficiently. Among the strategies for existing commercial buildings are requiring energy audits. Making strides toward a more sustainable future!



See the attached PDF for the task force’s recommendations in its entirety

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