



May 21, 2009

To Officials, Citizens and Organizations in Southeastern Massachusetts concerned with Sustainability

The future of our region and indeed our planet depends upon our making choices today that are sustainable fifty to one hundred years from now. The decisions about how we develop land, use natural resources, consume energy and govern ourselves will have repercussions far into the future.

Many disparate groups and individuals in Southeastern Massachusetts have been working on these concerns under the umbrella of sustainability. Included are those promoting local agriculture and farming, advocating for solar and wind energy, and planning for alternative methods of transportation. Many have participated in a recent series of "regional exchanges" sponsored by UMass Dartmouth's Sustainability Initiative and Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD).

We feel that it is time to unite these efforts as the **Southeastern Massachusetts Council on Sustainability**. UMass Dartmouth and SRPEDD are taking the lead to organize the Council and we invite you to participate by appointing yourself or someone to represent your organization to the Council.

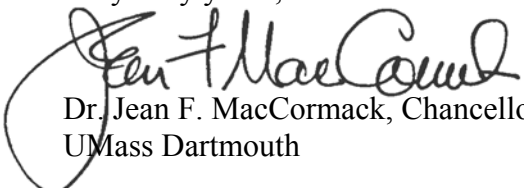
The organizational meeting of the **Southeastern Massachusetts Council on Sustainability** will convene on **Thursday, June 18, 2009** from **3:30 to 6:00 P.M.** at the **Advanced Technology Manufacturing Center (ATMC), 151 Martine Street, Fall River, MA**. We hope that you can attend or appoint someone by returning the attached form by June 11, 2009.


The purpose of the Council is to provide education, advice and assistance on the broad issue of sustainability in Southeastern Massachusetts. The Council will act as a leadership forum and network to connect, facilitate, support and coordinate sustainability efforts and initiatives throughout Southeastern Massachusetts. (See attached Statement of Organization).

For more information about the Council and the region's efforts toward achieving sustainability, please contact Susan Jennings at UMass Dartmouth (508-910-6484; sjennings@umassd.edu) or Louise Hardiman at SRPEDD (508-824-1367; lhardiman@srpedd.org).

We look forward to seeing you on June 18th.

Very truly yours,


Dr. Jean F. MacCormack, Chancellor
UMass Dartmouth


Dr. Susan Peterson
Chair, SRPEDD

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS COUNCIL ON SUSTAINABILITY

MEMBER APPOINTMENT FORM

To serve or appoint someone to the Southeastern Massachusetts Council on Sustainability please fill out the information below and return as instructed. Please print:

NAME: _____

REPRESENTING: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

I am interested in serving on a Subcommittee to address:

- Food and Agriculture Energy Natural Resources
- Transportation Economic Development

I will _____ will not _____ be attending the Council meeting on June 18th.

RETURN BY JUNE 11, 2009

By mail to: Louise Hardiman, SRPEDD, 88 Broadway, Taunton, MA 02780

By FAX to: SRPEDD (508) 823-1803

Online at: <http://www.umassd.edu/sustainability/welcome.cfm>
or http://www.srpedd.org/futures_task.asp

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SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS COUNCIL ON SUSTAINABILITY Statement of Organization

PURPOSE: The Southeastern Massachusetts Council on Sustainability is established by the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth (UMD) and the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) to provide education, advice and assistance on the broad issue of sustainability in Southeastern Massachusetts.

The Council will act as a leadership forum and network to connect, facilitate, support and coordinate sustainability efforts and initiatives throughout Southeastern Massachusetts.

The Council will act as a regional coordination point for targeted efforts at achieving sustainability in food and agriculture, transportation, energy, natural resources and economic development. The Council will work to unite these elements into a regional plan for sustainability.

The Council will endeavor to secure and provide technical support by identifying expertise within UMD, SRPEDD and among regional resources for sustainability efforts and initiatives throughout the region.

MEMBERSHIP: The Council members will be representative of diverse interests from throughout the region served by UMD and SRPEDD. Members shall be invited by UMD and SRPEDD based upon nominations from participating municipalities and organizations. Membership shall be renewed annually and may be expanded at any time. Representatives from UMD and SRPEDD shall act as co-chairs.

MEETINGS: The Council will meet four times a year. It will convene for its organizational meeting at the Advanced Technology manufacturing Center at UMass Dartmouth on June 18, 2009 and shall also meet in the months of September, December, and February. Council meetings shall include speakers on relevant topics, reports on sustainability activities throughout the region, and an information exchange to which council members will provide input. The Council will operate by consensus.

SUBCOMMITTEES: The Council may establish or support existing subcommittees for food and agriculture, transportation, energy, natural resources and economic development.

ADMINISTRATION: The Council shall be jointly administered by SRPEDD and UMD. SRPEDD shall be primarily responsible for organizing meetings and maintenance of council membership. UMD shall be primarily responsible for website maintenance and administration of subcommittees.

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP: Council members will be nominated to SRPEDD and UMD from these categories.

- Municipal
- Education
- Regional Organizations
- Economic Development
- Natural Resources/ Environment
- Community Organizations
- Faith Based Organizations
- Transportation
- Energy
- Foundations
- At Large Members

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SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS COUNCIL ON SUSTAINABILITY

Kickoff Meeting
Advanced Technology Manufacturing Center (ATMC)
151 Martine St., Fall River, MA
Thursday, June 18, 2009

3:30 REGISTRATION

4:00 CALL TO ORDER

- WELCOME AND COUNCIL PURPOSE
 - Susan Jennings, UMass and Susan Peterson, SRPEDD, Council Co-Chairs

- SUSTAINABILITY IN SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS: AN OVERVIEW
 - Susan Peterson, Chair, SRPEDD

- STUDENT PRESENTATION ON COUNCIL LOGO

- MEET THE COUNCIL MEMBERS
 - What is your interest?
 - What do you hope to get out of participating on the Council?

- SUBCOMMITTEES

- FUTURE MEETINGS
 - September 17, 2009
 - December 10, 2009

6:00 ADJOURN

Directions to the Advanced Technology Manufacturing Center (ATMC), 151 Martine St., Fall River, MA

From the North (Taunton):

1. Heading south on Route 24, take Exit 5 to Route 6 toward Eastern Ave./President Ave.
2. At the traffic circle, take second exit onto N Eastern Ave/US 6. Follow for 2.2 miles.
3. Turn left at Martine St. (Still Route 6)
4. ATMC will be on the right – 0.2 miles after turn. There is parking on both sides of Route 6.

From the west (Rhode Island):

1. Heading east on I-195, take exit 8A on Route 24 S toward Tiverton/Newport, RI. Follow for ½ mile.
2. Take Exit 2 toward Eastern Ave.
3. Merge onto Brayton Ave. Follow for ½ mile.
4. Turn right at Martine St. (Route 6)
5. ATMC will be on the right – 0.2 miles after turn. There is parking on both sides of Route 6.

From the east (New Bedford):

1. Heading west on I-195, take exit 10 onto Route 88 toward Route 6. Follow for 1 mile.
2. Take the ramp to State Rd./Route 6 west. Follow for 2 miles.
3. ATMC will be on the left. There is parking on both sides of Route 6.

