

Title: Sustainable Communities Research

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Abstract

We would like to invite colleagues to attend a topical lunch discussion on Sustainable Communities Research. Sustainable communities is one of six focus areas identified by ACSF. This is a critical topic of our time, but researchers often encounter considerable challenges such as integrating expertise of multiple disciplines, building strong local partnerships, and balancing stakeholders' interests.

This meeting brings together researchers actively pursuing this topic to discuss methodologies/tools, share experiences working with communities/stakeholders, and identify gaps/challenges/opportunities. We are hoping to create synergy among various teams on campus and promote future research collaborations and to be better prepared for funding opportunities.

We are particularly interested in perspectives on framework and methodology. Short presentations will be made about work in Ithaca and Utica as well as Hawaii. That will help set the stage to hear from others to make 90 second presentations on their domestic sustainable communities' initiatives. If you are interested in sharing indicate that when you RSVP and further instructions will be sent to you (the idea is that you would develop one slide and two paragraphs of text that we will compile and distribute on October 10).

The primary focus will be to encourage synergy among various teams on campus and promote future research collaborations on domestic sustainable communities. However, all are welcome, as approaches used internationally are certainly relevant.