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GreenTown: The Future of Community

October 2, 2008 Paramount Theatre and North Island Center, Aurora, Illinois

Hello,

Remake, remodel. It's time to rethink the way we make communities, and the way we live.

The debate about climate change is over. The need to find alternative energy sources is clear. The desire to create healthy, sustainable communities continues to grow.

GreenTown: The Future of Community brings together the public and private sector to drive change in our communities. From walkable and bikable cities to green building to waste strategies and healthy eating, we aim to inspire, educate and spur action.

And while these are global issues, it is at the local level that we must think and act. We are fortunate today to be in Aurora, Illinois' second largest city, thanks to Mayor Thomas Weisner, and encourage each of you to listen, to think in new ways, to talk with each other and work toward building a sustainable future for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Gary Cuneen

Executive Director, Seven Generations Ahead

John Harris

Principal, a5



At Seven Generations Ahead, we advocate a world where ecology, commerce and social equity converge with an eye toward our children's future. We work collaboratively with government, business and community to create a path toward a healthy and ecologically prosperous future.

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Keynote Speaker:

Terry Tamminen

*Author, Lecturer and former Secretary of the California EPA
Global Warning: Solutions for the Climate Change Challenge*

From his youth in Australia to career experiences in Europe, Africa and all parts of the United States, Tamminen has developed expertise in business, farming, education, non-profit, the environment, the arts, and government. An accomplished author, his latest book, *Lives Per Gallon: The True Cost of Our Oil Addiction*, is a timely examination of our dependence on oil and a strategy to evolve to more sustainable energy sources. In 1993, Terry founded the Santa Monica BayKeeper and served as the Executive Director of the Environment Now Foundation in Santa Monica, California, where he co-founded the Frank G. Wells Environmental Law Clinic at the School of Law, University of California Los Angeles. He was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2003 as the Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency and later as Cabinet Secretary, the Chief Policy Advisor to the Governor.

At GreenTown, Tamminen will discuss solutions for the climate change challenge and offer hope that we can tackle the defining issue of our time and prosper in the 21st century. Using the experiences from many nations and the "living laboratory" of California, he will outline the steps underway and those still needed to win the battle over human-caused climate change.

Speakers

Dean Kubani

*Manager of the City of Santa Monica's Office of Sustainability and the Environment
Greening a Community: Lessons Learned from Santa Monica*

As Manager of the City of Santa Monica's Office of Sustainability and the Environment, Dean Kubani oversees all of the City's efforts related to water and energy efficiency, urban runoff, green building, hazardous materials and sustainability. Since 1994 Kubani has directed the ongoing development, implementation and evaluation of the Santa Monica Sustainable City Program. He lectures on sustainability at universities throughout the country and has presented information about Santa Monica's programs at state, national and international conferences. Kubani sits on the Advisory Boards of the International Sustainability Indicators Network and the University of Southern California Center for Sustainable Cities. Prior to his employment at the City of Santa Monica, Kubani worked as a Policy Analyst in the non-profit sector and was a Project Manager for an environmental engineering firm in southern California.

At GreenTown, Kubani will detail his experiences greening the City of Santa Monica and offer advice to other communities on water efficiency, urban runoff, hazardous materials, toxics use reduction and sustainability.

Bob Dixon

Mayor, City of Greensburg, Kansas

Bob Dixon took the office of Mayor of Greensburg in May 2008. A native Kansan, Dixon was born and raised in Atwood in the northwest corner of the state. He has been a resident of Greensburg since 1985. He retired from the US Postal Service after 26 years of service, and was Postmaster of Greensburg for 16 years and Pratt Postmaster for six years. Dixon served on USD #422 School Board for 12 years and was President for eight years. He has also served on various church boards.

In May 2007, an F-5 tornado hit Greensburg, killing 11 people and flattening many buildings and homes. Since then, the town has resolved to rebuild the city using sustainable initiatives. These initiatives include reducing the city's carbon footprint through renewable energy and alternative means of transportation, recreating a vital downtown and emphasizing walkability, greening buildings through stricter codes and providing economic and social equality for its citizens.

Mayor Dixon will share his experiences working to rebuild the city of Greensburg.

Speakers

Steve Barker

Senior Ecologist, JFNew

Steve Barker, Restoration Ecologist, is the Director Liaison for the Coffee Creek Watershed Conservancy, Inc. Steve oversees various restoration projects and is responsible for the management of JFNew's prescribed fire program.

Ed Barsotti

Executive Director, League of Illinois Bicyclists

Ed Barsotti, Executive Director of the League of Illinois Bicyclists, serves as a liaison between government and cyclists seeking better biking conditions in Illinois. Projects include promotion of trails and bike-friendly roads, motorist and cyclist education and bike planning contracts for communities.

Mike Behm

Vice President, Leopardo Construction

Michael W. Behm, AIA, is Vice President of Leopardo Construction's Community Group, which provides construction services for both public and private sectors, including municipal, criminal justice, parks and recreation, aviation, religious, K-12 schools and higher education facilities.

Robert Benson

Associate Principal and Design Director, 4240 Architecture

Robert Benson was recently honored among *The Top 40 Under 40* nationally by *Building Design & Construction*. His current projects include a new LEED-certified office building, a LEED Silver government office building and a \$3 billion resort.

Perry Bigelow

Owner, Bigelow Homes

Trained as an engineer, Perry Bigelow became a homebuilder more than 30 years ago. Bigelow has devised new construction techniques and procedures to make homes more energy-efficient. He became one of the world's leading experts on residential energy conservation.

Bob Bloomer

Regional Vice President, Chartwells-Thompson Hospitality

Bob Bloomer, Regional Vice President for Chartwells-Thompson Hospitality at the Chicago Public Schools, has worked to increase the healthfulness of the school meals program by eliminating fryers, whole and two percent milk, planning menus with zero trans-fat, increasing fresh fruit in consumption, among other healthful initiatives.

Phil Bus

Executive Director, Kane County Department of Development

Phil Bus leads development for Kane County, one of America's fastest growing areas. He handles economic development, environmental and building management, transportation and water resources.

Scot Case

Vice President, TerraChoice Environmental Marketing, Inc.

Scot Case is an internationally recognized expert on sustainable business strategy development, responsible sourcing, green supply chains and environmental marketing. As Vice President of TerraChoice, Scot connects retailers and consumers seeking environmentally and socially responsible products with the manufacturers supplying them.

John Clark, AIA, LEED AP

Principal, Cordogan Clark & Associates (CCA)

As a founding principal of CCA, John has designed a wide range of projects in the Chicago area and throughout the Midwest. John has completed a wide variety of significant projects involving urban planning, municipal design, and historic and contextual design.

John Connolly

JF Connolly & Associates

John Connolly is the founder of JF Connolly & Associates, an operations-focused, business management consulting firm with concentration in the operational, economic and environmental advantages of sustainable business practices centered on diverting food waste and other organics to composting, anaerobic digestion and bio-energy alternatives.

Abigail Corso, PE

Senior Associate Director, Delta Institute

Abigail Corso, Senior Associate Director at the Delta Institute has worked on the policy and technical aspects of green purchasing, toxics reduction, energy efficiency projects, USGBC LEED projects, carbon offsets and mercury reduction.

Greg Davis

Produce Manager, Fox River Foods

Greg Davis has been Fox River Foods' Produce Manager for 15 years. Fox River Foods is the approved Department of Defense (DoD) distributor for fresh fruits and vegetables for the entire state of Illinois and will deliver more than 875,000 cases of produce this year.

Lisa Elkins, LEED AP

Principal, 2 point perspective

Lisa Elkins is a licensed architect and furniture designer with more than 10 years of combined experience. After becoming LEED accredited, Lisa founded 2 point perspective in 2006 to pursue her two passions: sophisticated design and sustainability.

Anne Evens

Energy Director, Center for Neighborhood Technology

Anne Evens, Energy Director at the Center for Neighborhood Technology, directs energy efficiency, energy pricing, building performance and energy planning initiatives. She served as a lead researcher on the Chicago Climate Action Plan, and worked in energy efficiency and housing for 20 years.

Martin Felsen

Principal, UrbanLab

Martin Felsen is Principal and Founder of UrbanLab, a collaborative office practicing architecture and urbanism. UrbanLab undertakes work of different sizes and scales, from urban interventions to small residences. Its primary interest is in forward-looking projects that speculate on a more resourceful tomorrow.

Bill Foster

US Representative

Prior to his election as Congressman, Bill Foster worked at Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory for 22 years leading the team that designed several scientific facilities and detectors that are still in use today. He received his Ph.D. in physics from Harvard University in 1983.

Reggie Greenwood

*Director of Economic Development,
South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association*

As the Director of Economic Development for the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association, Reggie is responsible for developing and implementing an economic development program. He leads projects on energy, environmental and design guidelines; transit oriented development; logistics warehouse development; business cluster analysis and development; and real estate development.

Bill Haas

ILDCEO

Bill Haas is a member of the Energy Division of ILDCEO. The Division of Energy promotes the efficient use of energy resources, supports research, identifies innovative means of financing energy efficiency improvements and transfers cost-effective technologies to the private and public sectors of the Illinois economy.

Chuck Hanlon

Principal, Land Vision

Chuck Hanlon is the Principal at Land Vision, Inc., a multi-disciplinary professional services firm providing planning, town planning, design guidelines, entitlements, zoning, streetscape design, visioning programs and other planning services for clients desiring to create or maintain a sense of place in their community or development.

Emily J. Harris

Executive Director, Chicago Metropolis 2020

Emily Harris is Executive Director of the Burnham Plan Centennial and Program Director for early learning for Chicago Metropolis 2020. Previously, Emily maintained a private consulting practice, offering strategic planning, research, writing, organizational development and other services to non-profit organizations and public agencies.

Rick Hitchcock

President, Hitchcock Design Group

Since starting Hitchcock Design Group in 1980, Rick's work has included noteworthy projects across a variety of markets, but his professional passion lies in the waterfront development and economic revitalization of urban places.

Ray Irvin

President, Ray R. Irvin & Associates

Ray Irvin, President of Ray R. Irvin and Associates, works with communities and develops partnerships that identify and create funding sources for the planning, design and development, and construction management of greenways, bikeways and other infrastructure needs that support smart growth in a sustainable manner.

Val Jensen

ComEd

Val Jensen, Vice President of ComEd, oversees environmental programs. Jensen joined ComEd after eight years at ICF Consulting, where he served as Vice President. Previously, he worked for the US Department of Energy, where he directed the Chicago office.

Anupama Joshi

Director, National Farm to School Program

Anupama Joshi, Co-Director of the National Farm to School Network, based at the Center for Food & Justice (CFJ), is building a movement of farm to school projects across the country. CFJ programs are improving access to fresh and healthy foods in all communities.

Warren King

Owner, WellSpring Management

Warren King is owner of WellSpring Management, a company that promotes the stewardship of natural resources by providing consulting services and products. He has over 25 years experience in agri-business that includes strategic planning, international business development, market analysis and sales.

Carl Kreiter

Project Engineer, Mortenson Construction

James Maher

Project Engineer, Leopardo Construction

James Maher is a Project Engineer in Leopardo Construction's Community Group, and is currently working on-site at the Aurora Police Headquarters and Branch Court Facility project. He is playing a large role in helping the headquarters project achieve LEED Gold Certification.

Speakers (continued)

Larry MacCarthy

*Regional Vice President for Property Management,
Mercy Services Corporation*

Larry is the Regional Vice President for Property Management of Mercy Services Corporation. Prior to this, he was the Capacity Building Program Director for Community Investment Corporation, where he designed and presented training courses to foster higher standards in residential property management.

Hubert Morgan

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Hubert Morgan is a regional long-range planner with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP). His passion is public participation, the intersection of urban planning and the general public's most challenging issues. He works tirelessly to engage all residents in the planning dialogue.

Barry Mullen

*Vice President Real Estate Development,
Mercy Services Corporation*

Joyce O'Keefe

Deputy Director, Openlands

Joyce O'Keefe, Deputy Director at Openlands, has led a number of successful legislative initiatives and been instrumental in a number of land preservation projects, including the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie and Fort Sheridan.

Stephane Phifer

Planning Director, City of Aurora

Stephane Phifer, Planning Director for the City of Aurora, was part of the team that produced the award-winning Countyside Vision Plan, the transit-oriented Station Boulevard Plan, the Riverfront Vision Plan setting guidelines for environmentally responsible development along the Fox River and the RiverEdge Park Master Plan.

Jack Pizzo

President, Pizzo & Associates, Ltd.

Jack is founding partner, President, Senior Ecologist and Registered Landscape Architect of Pizzo & Associates, Ltd. Jack serves as the ecological knowledge base for the company, setting the philosophies, ethics, techniques and principals that have made the company an industry leader in ecological restoration.

David Pope

President, Village of Oak Park

David Pope is the President of the Village of Oak Park, Illinois. Oak Park is a thriving community of about 52,000 people. The community has taken a regional leadership role in energy conservation, reducing air pollution and encouraging green transportation.

Brenda Platt

Institute for Local Self-Reliance

Brenda Platt is Co-director of the nonprofit Institute for Local Self-Reliance (ILSR). She has authored more than a dozen reports on all aspects of recycling. She is the coordinator of the Sustainable Biomaterials Collaborative and heads up ILSR's Sustainable Plastics project.

Scott Pratt

Murphy/Jahn Architects

Scott Pratt, Senior Vice President and Principal Architect at Murphy/Jahn, Inc., is responsible for the programming, planning, design, construction documents and contract administration on various institutional and office buildings, renovations and feasibility studies. Scott is also a board member on the Evanston Community Development Association.

Geoff Rathbone

*General Manger, Solid Waste Management Services
for the City of Toronto*

Geoff Rathbone, General Manager, Solid Waste Management Services for the City of Toronto has more than 20 years of experience in the solid waste and recycling field. He is responsible for designing Toronto's aggressive plan to divert 70 percent of waste from landfill.

Carol Ross Barney, FAIA

Ross Barney Architects

Carol Ross Barney, FAIA, founder and Principal of Ross Barney Architects, is dedicated to improving the built environment. Her work has an international reputation in design of institutional and public buildings and has been awarded numerous honors.

Rob Sadowsky

Executive Director, Chicagoland Bicycle Federation

Rob Sadowsky joined the Chicagoland Bicycle Federation in June 2004, as its Executive Director. He conducts training and strategic planning workshops for emerging organizations and is a board member of the Training for Trainers Cooperative.

Adele S. Simmons, Ph.D.

Vice Chair and Senior Executive, Chicago Metropolis 2020

Adele Simmons is Vice Chairman and Senior Executive of Chicago Metropolis 2020, a regional planning group. She is President of the Global Philanthropy Partnership and served as President of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and President of Hampshire College.

Chris Sullivan

Principal, C.C. Sullivan

A communications consultant and author specializing in the architectural market, Chris Sullivan was chief editor of *Architecture* and *Building Design + Construction*. Today he is principal of the marketing and design company C.C. Sullivan.

Thomas Weisner

Mayor, City of Aurora

Mayor Tom Weisner was elected in 2005, as Mayor of Aurora, Illinois. He believes that the creation of sustainable cities, especially older industrial cities, requires an aggressive approach and a partnership with city, state and federal agencies, and private developers to facilitate redevelopment.

Doug Widener

Executive Director, US Green Building Council – Chicago Chapter

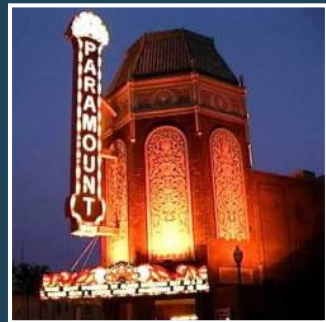
Doug Widener, Executive Director of the US Green Building Council – Chicago Chapter, is responsible for the management of the Chapter's affairs. Previously, Doug served as Vice President of Education at the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum of the Chicago Academy of Sciences.

About the Paramount Theatre

The Paramount Theatre was the first movie palace built by Paramount Pictures. When the theatre opened September 3, 1931, it was the first air-conditioned building outside of Chicago. For more than 40 years, the Paramount offered the public a variety of entertainment, including "talking pictures", vaudeville, concerts and circus performances.

In 1976, Aurora Civic Center Authority purchased the Paramount and closed the theater for restoration. The \$1.5 million project restored the Paramount to its original grandeur. On April 29, 1978, the Paramount Arts Center opened, offering a variety of theatrical, musical, comedy, dance and family programming.

Today, the Paramount Theatre supports an annual audience of 150,000 patrons and was named one of the Top 10 theatres in Chicago by the League of Chicago Theatres.



Greening the Conference

GreenTown: The Future of Community is a zero waste event. We have made every effort to reduce the environmental impact associated with the event and prevent waste from entering the landfill. To this end, locally grown and organic foods are incorporated into the menu offerings; tableware and flatware is compostable; beverages are fair trade and organic and served in compostable cups; printed materials are kept to a minimum and sourced from post-consumer recycled and FSC certified paper. Attendees, hosts, speakers and volunteers are encouraged to utilize public transportation, walk, bike or carpool.

We also thank Community Energy for generously donating renewable energy credits for the conference.

We would especially like to thank the City of Aurora for hosting GreenTown, especially Mayor Thomas Weisner.

We would also like to thank our generous sponsors, speakers, partner organizations and participants for supporting GreenTown: The Future of Community.

And a big thank you to the following people and organizations who helped produce the post-event cocktail reception: Peter Boutsikakis and Stephane Phifer of the City of Aurora Division of Planning; Gina Moga of the Mayor's Office of Special Events; Bill Pope and Jeremy Gehman of the Paramount Theatre and Pete Crowley and Tim Marshall of Rock Bottom Brewery.



Conference Agenda

GreenTown: The Future of Community

Thursday, October 2, 2008

(Paramount Theatre and North Island Center)

7:00 am to 8:15 am

Registration, Breakfast and Exhibits

(North Island Center)

8:15 am to 8:45 am

Welcome

- Gary Cuneen, Seven Generations Ahead

- Mayor Thomas Weisner, City of Aurora

- US Representative Bill Foster

- Adele Simmons, Senior Executive and Vice Chair,
Chicago Metropolis 2020

(Paramount Theatre)

8:45 am to 9:45 am

Global Warnings: Solutions for the Climate Change Challenge

- Terry Tamminen, Special Policy Advisor on the

Environment to the Governor of California and author,

Lives Per Gallon: The True Cost of Our Oil Addiction

Introduction: John Harris, a5 Inc.

(Paramount Theatre)

9:45 am to 10:00 am

Break

(Paramount Theatre Grand Gallery)

10:00 am to 11:00 am

Greening a Community: Lessons Learned from Santa Monica

- Dean Kubani, Sustainability Manager, City of Santa Monica, California

Introduction: Brian Lutey, Ozinga Bros, Inc.

(Paramount Theatre)

11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Rebuilding Greensburg, Kansas: Re-envisioning a Community
Destroyed by a Tornado

- Mayor Bob Dixson, City of Greensburg, Kansas

Introduction: Oscar Wientjes, Technical Concepts

(Paramount Theatre)

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Lunch

Paramount Theatre Grand Gallery and North Island Center outdoor

terrace. Lunch is comprised of organic and locally sourced foods.

Afternoon sessions will be held in the North Island
Center. There are four tracks; please select the
sessions that best suits your interests. Location
of the sessions are listed below the descriptions.

4:45 pm to 5:30 pm

Green Community Development In Our Region: A Discussion
of Municipal Obstacles, Challenges, and Opportunities

- Moderator: Phil Bus, Director, Kane County Department

of Development

- Perry Bigelow, Bigelow Homes

- Carl Kreiter, Mortenson Construction

- David Pope, President, Village of Oak Park

- David Kaptain, City Council Member, City of Elgin

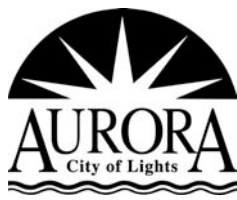
(Copley Theatre, North Island Center)

5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Post-event Reception

(North Island Center terrace and atrium)

	TRACK ONE: INTRODUCTION TO GREEN PROGRAMS AND IDEAS	TRACK TWO: GREENING THE OUTDOORS	TRACK THREE: HEALTHY CITIES INITIATIVES	TRACK FOUR: FORGING AHEAD: TRENDS AND STRATEGIES FOR GOING GREEN
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	<p>LEED 101</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Doug Widener, Executive Director, U.S. Green Building Council - Lisa Elkins, LEED AP, Co-Principal, 2 Point Perspective - James Maher, LEED AP, Project Engineer, Leopardo Construction - Mike Behm, Vice President, Leopardo Construction <p><i>(Meyer Ballroom A, North Island Center)</i></p>	<p>Restoring the Landscape: How Ecological Restoration Can Benefit More Than the Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moderator: John Harris, a5 - Jack Pizzo, Senior Ecologist and Landscape Architect, Pizzo & Associates, Ltd. - Steve Barker, Senior Ecologist, JFNew <p><i>(Meyer Ballroom D, North Island Center)</i></p>	<p>Biking and Walking: Lessons Learned from State and City Planning Initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rob Sadowsky, Executive Director, Chicagoland Bicycle Federation - Ray Irvin, President, Ray R. Irvin & Associates and Former Director of Greenways and Bikeways for the Indiana Department of Transportation - Ed Barsotti, League of Illinois Bicyclists <p>Introduction: Jacqueline Loewe, Hitchcock Design Group</p> <p><i>(Meyer Ballroom C, North Island Center)</i></p>	<p>How Great Design Sustains Greener Towns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moderator: Chris Sullivan, Principal, C.C. Sullivan Strategic Communications - Carol Ross Barney, Ross Barney Architects - Robert Benson, 4240 Architecture - John Clark, Principal, Cordogan Clark & Associates <p><i>(Copley Theatre, North Island Center)</i></p> <p>Community Sustainable Energy Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Val Jensen, Vice President, ComEd - Bill Haas, Energy Division ILDCEO - Anne Evens, Energy Director, Center for Neighborhood Technology <p>Introduction: Lesley McCain, Community Energy</p> <p><i>(Meyer Ballroom B, North Island Center)</i></p>
2:15 pm to 3:15 pm	<p>Sustainable Land Development Practices: Introduction to LEED ND and the Challenges of Creating a Sustainable Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chuck Hanlon, Principal, Land Vision, Inc. <p>Introduction: John Wellhausen, Architectural Roof Solutions</p> <p><i>(Copley Theatre, North Island Center)</i></p>	<p>Redeveloping Communities Along the River: Restoring the Calumet River Corridor for Man and Nature</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rick Hitchcock, President, Hitchcock Design Group - Reggie Greenwood, Director of Economic Development, South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association <p>Introduction: Jay Rients, Unilock</p> <p><i>(Meyer Ballroom D, North Island Center)</i></p>	<p>Locally Grown Food for School Lunches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moderator, Warren King, Seven Generations Ahead - Anupama Joshi, Director, National Farm to School Program - Bob Bloomer, Regional Vice President, Chartwells-Thompson Hospitality - Greg Davis, Merchandiser, Fox River Foods <p>Introduction: Jane Stuckland, Serosun Farms</p> <p><i>(Meyer Ballroom A, North Island Center)</i></p>	<p>Examining the Crossroads: Green Building and Low Income Housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Barry Mullen, Vice President Real Estate Development, Mercy Housing Lakefront - Scott Pratt, Project Architect, Murphy/Jahn Architects - Larry McCarthy, Regional Vice President for Property Management, Mercy Lakefront Housing <p>Introduction: Leah Schoeff, Mortenson Construction</p> <p><i>(Meyer Ballroom B and C, North Island Center)</i></p>
3:30 pm to 4:30 pm	<p>Food Residuals Diversion and Composting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Geoff Rathbone, City of Toronto <p>Introduction: Jack Pizzo, Pizzo & Associates, Ltd.</p> <p><i>(Meyer Ballroom B and C, North Island Center)</i></p>	<p>The Burnham Plan: Reaching from Chicago to Aurora</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Emily Harris, Chicago Metropolis 2020/Burnham Plan Centennial Committee - Hubert Morgan, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning - Stephane Phifer, Planning Director, City of Aurora <p>Introduction: Bruce Townsager, Andersen Windows</p> <p><i>(Copley Theatre, North Island Center)</i></p>	<p>Green Procurement: Policies and Strategies for Municipalities and Businesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Abby Corso, The Delta Institute - Scot Case, Vice President, TerraChoice Environmental Marketing <p>Introduction: Thomas Pratt, Graybar</p> <p><i>(Meyer Ballroom A, North Island Center)</i></p>	<p>Conserving Our Region's Water: New Directions for the 21st Century</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joyce O'Keefe, Openlands - Martin Felsen, UrbanLab <p>Introduction: Anngie Richter, JFNew</p> <p><i>(Meyer Ballroom D, North Island Center)</i></p>



City of Aurora

Aurora, Illinois—the second largest city in Illinois—is a thriving community of approximately 176,000 people. Listed for the second year in a row on Money Magazine’s Top 100 places to live, Aurora is 37 miles west of Chicago and spans Kane, DuPage, Kendall and Will counties. Aurora is renowned for its phenomenal festivals, deep-rooted history, as an arts hub and for its diversity.

The City of Aurora has shown great environmental commitment and leadership through the approval of the Seize the Future Master Plan, the Riverfront Vision Plan, the RiverEdge Park Master Plan and numerous green initiatives throughout the City’s departments. www.aurora-il.org



Andersen Windows

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Aurora University

Aurora University, an independent university founded in 1893, is home to approximately 4,000 degree-seeking students with campuses in Aurora, and Williams Bay, Wisconsin. www.aurora.edu



Beyond Properties

Beyond Properties is an environmentally conscious real estate company that specializes in buying and selling residential and commercial properties. Based in Oak Park, Beyond Properties provides great service and exceeds clients’ expectations. www.beyondpropertiesrealty.com



Borealis Lighting, a division of PolyBrite International

A division of PolyBrite International, Borealis Lighting designs and manufactures solid-state LED lighting systems and products. Borealis’ industry-leading lighting designers, engineers and systems integrators consistently produce innovative LED solutions for traditional lighting applications. www.borealislighting.com



Community Energy

Awarded the 2006 Green Power Supplier of the Year designation by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Energy, Community Energy is dedicated to expanding the availability of clean, renewable energy by developing wind-generated power. In addition to sponsoring GreenTown, Community Energy will donate carbon offsets to counter balance the carbon emissions produced at the event. www.communityenergy.biz



The Environments Group

The Environments Group creates effective workplaces through complete planning, design and facility management services for its clients. www.envgroup.com



Graybar

Established in 1925, Graybar procures, warehouses and delivers electrical and communications and data products, components and related services to its customers. www.graybar.com



GreenSwitch

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Hitchcock Design Group

Hitchcock Design Group has been Creating Better Places® since 1980. With offices in Naperville and Chicago, Illinois, the 60-member firm is a Midwest leader in planning and landscape architecture services in Real Estate Development, Urban, Recreation, Healthcare, Lifecare and Education markets. As client advocates, we employ a sustainable approach to our work by creating places that are attractive, functional, maintainable, environmentally sound and cost effective. www.hitchcockdesigngroup.com



JFNew

JFNew is one of the leading natural resources and ecological consulting firms in the United States, providing full service solutions in the areas of wetland consulting, natural resource management, native plant materials, construction and maintenance. www.jfnew.com



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Land Vision, Inc., is a multi-disciplinary firm providing land planning, town planning, design guidelines, entitlements, zoning, streetscape design, visioning programs and other planning services for communities or developments that are low impact on the natural environment and high value for the man-made environment. www.landvision.com



Mortenson Construction

Green. It’s the fashionable color these days. Yet to us, environmental sensitivity isn’t about being fashionable. It’s about being socially and economically prudent. From building reclamation to product life-cycle analysis, we’ve been at the forefront of constructing facilities that benefit people today, as well as tomorrow. www.mortenson.com



Nevin Hedlund Architects

With a strong vision and practical approach, Nevin Hedlund Architects is a River Forest-based firm that provides planning, architecture and design services for churches, synagogues, office buildings and historical preservation projects. www.hedlundarchitects.com



Ozinga Bros, Inc.

Ozinga is a producer of ready mix, colored and decorative concrete and provides bulk transportation services. www.ozinga.com



Pizzo & Associates, Ltd.

Pizzo & Associates, Ltd. is an ecological restoration firm that creates, restores and stewards natural areas using cutting edge principles and techniques to preserve our land’s original native beauty. Pizzo & Associates offers services including design/planning, installation, stewardship, erosion control and prescribed fire. www.pizzo.info



Serosun Farms

Serosun Farms is an agricultural preservation community located south of Huntley in Kane County, Illinois. Situated on 410 acres (with three-quarters reserved for open space) with 114 homesites, Serosun Farms also features a working organic farm and stables. www.serosunfarms.com



Technical Concepts

As a global provider of hygienic, touch-free washroom products, Technical Concepts is dedicated to increasing efficiency and minimizing waste. www.technicalconcepts.com

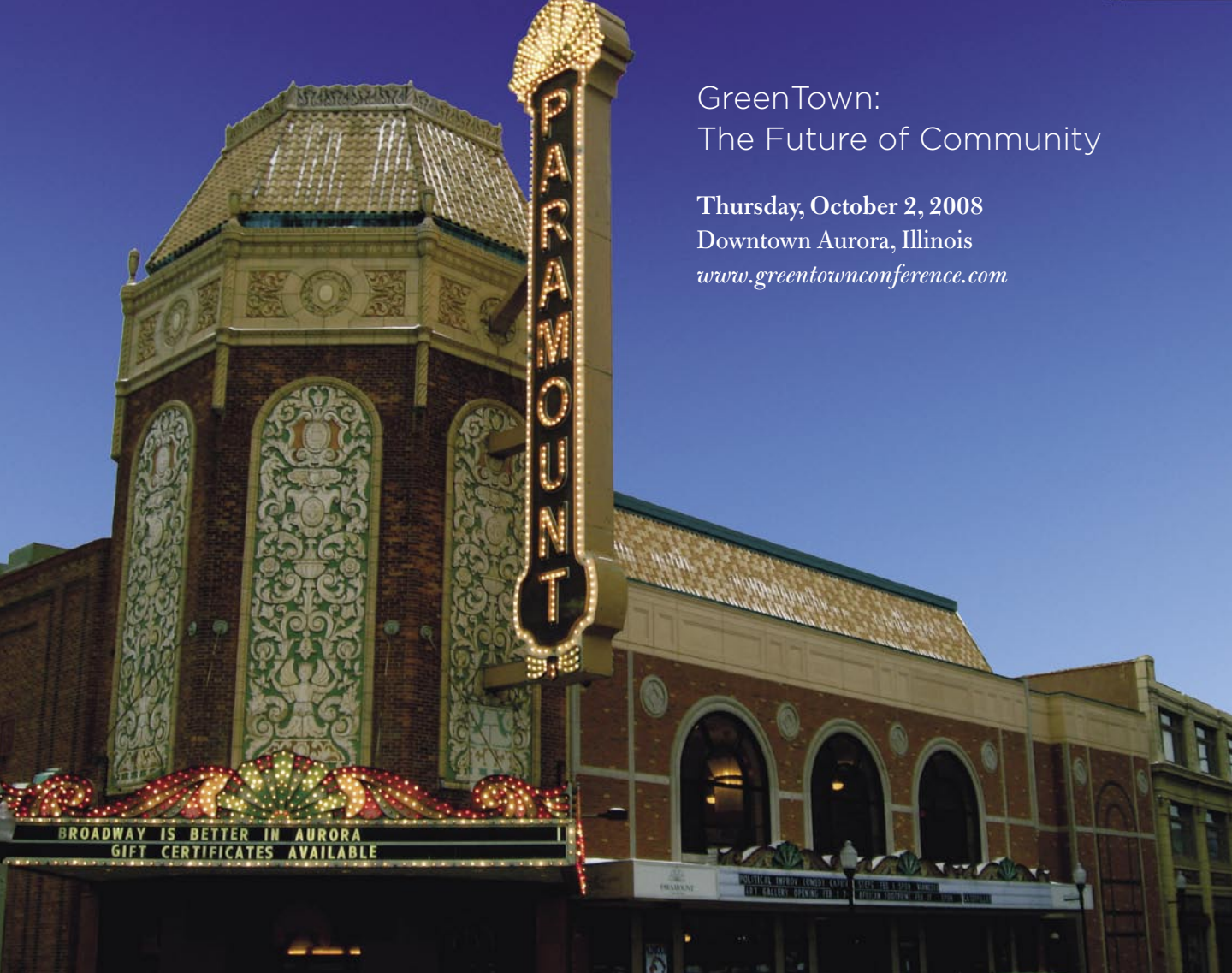


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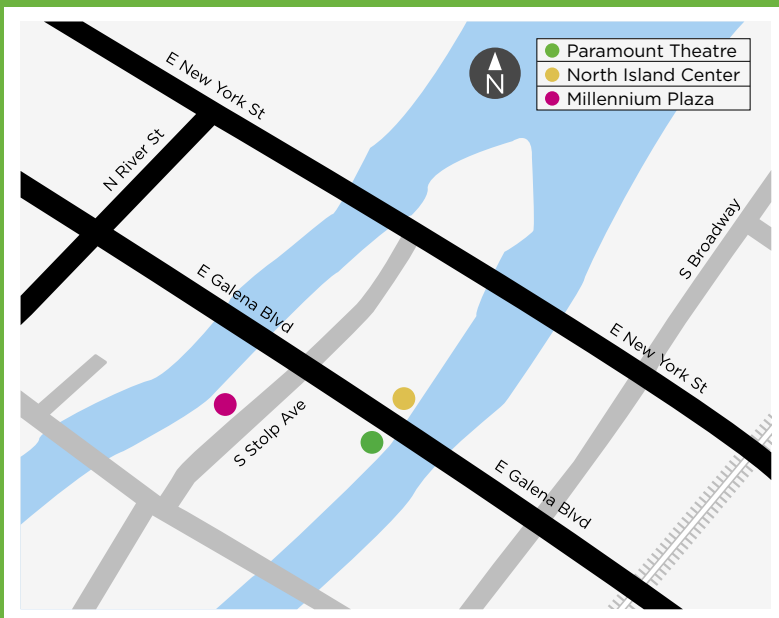


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Thursday, October 2, 2008

Downtown Aurora, Illinois

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23 East Galena Boulevard
Aurora, Illinois 60506

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Aurora, Illinois 60506

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Aurora, Illinois 60506

Fox River Valley Area State of Green Workshop

Friday, October 3

9 am to 11 am

North Island Center in
downtown Aurora, Illinois

Join the City of Aurora for a morning workshop to examine ways of making the Fox River Valley in Kane County more sustainable. Plan to attend if you are a municipal representative, member of an environmental organization or local decision maker interested in greening your community and our shared natural spaces.

The workshop is free and requires pre-registration. For more information or to sign-up, visit the registration desk.

Kayak on the Fox River

Friday, October 3

6:30 am to 8:30 am

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