

STEAM

The monthly newsletter of the Green Lake Area Sustainability Team*

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**STEAM meets the first Tuesday of every month from 2-3pm in the demo room of the County Courthouse in Green Lake. The meeting is an open discussion of current projects, ideas for the future, and a sharing of advice and lessons learned.*

Next meeting is Tuesday, March 1st and is open to all. Please come and contribute!

THIS ISSUE'S TOP RECOMMENDED STORIES

Vauban District, Germany: When Environmental Planning Gives Birth to Sustainable Communities. The Vauban district was created through cooperative decision-making, becoming a model of holistic environmental planning and eco-friendly living. [The Cereplast Blog](#)

EcoTipping Points: Strategies for Shifting from Decline to Restoration. The EcoTipping Points Project has documented more than 100 stories of environmental recovery in communities around the world. What do these success stories have in common? [Yes! Magazine](#)

<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/energy/2011/01/110117-100-percent-renewable-energy/>. Going "All The Way" With Renewable Energy? National Geographic.

<http://environment.nationalgeographic.com/environment/energy/great-energy-challenge/>. The Great Energy Challenge. National Geographic.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Over \$228 Million in Federal Funding Available for State, Local, and Tribal Governments. <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/grants.htm>

EDUCATION/ HOW TO / TRAINING

Business Sustainability in Canada. [Read the Report](#)

BUSINESS and EMPLOYMENT

Solar powers up former stockyard. Milwaukee State Journal. Wisconsin's first solar panel factory has opened in the Menomonee River Valley, on the site of stockyards that contributed to the city's leadership in the meatpacking and processing industries more than 100 years ago. <http://www.jsonline.com/business/116964313.html>

[Capital Region Business Journal, February 2011](#). Sustainability has become more than just a buzzword in the business community; it's actually changing the way many companies operate and in many cases, improving the bottom line.

"[Eaton receives \\$2.4M U.S. Army grant](#)," Business Journal of Milwaukee, Feb. 14. Eaton Corp.'s research and development operations in Milwaukee and the University of Wisconsin will benefit from a \$2.4 million stimulus grant the company has been awarded from the U.S. Army...

"[LTC responds to demand for nuclear technology training](#)," Editorial, Sheboygan Press, Feb. 9. Young people looking for a career in nuclear technology need not leave their own backyard to pursue a degree and a job. Lakeshore Technical College, at the urging of one of the operators of the Kewaunee Nuclear Power Station, has resumed its nuclear technology program, which had been in suspension for more than 20 years...

ENVIRONMENT

"[Report addresses climate change impact on Wisconsin](#)," Wisconsin Public Radio, Superior Telegram, Feb. 8. A Wisconsin panel has issued a more detailed report that looks at how climate change may affect specific parts of the state. It's the first report from the Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts, a collaboration between the UW-Madison and Wisconsin DNR...

The Wisconsin Initiative of Climate Change Impacts (WICCI) has released its first report on climate change in Wisconsin. The result of a collaborative effort between the University and WI-DNR, Wisconsin's Changing Climate: Impacts and Adaptation describes recent changes in our climate, projects future change, identifies climate impacts on the natural and built environment, and suggests ways we can adapt to a changing climate. The full WICCI report, and individual working group reports, can be downloaded from the WICCI website <http://www.wicci.wisc.edu/publications.php>. We hope that you will take time to read and consider how Wisconsin's changing climate affects you and the people you work with.

FOOD

[SnowShoeFood: Scanning the globe, one salad at a time.](#) Even in the most benighted backwaters of our energy-hungry nation, you'd be hard-pressed to find anyone who isn't at least somewhat familiar with global warming and climate change. And by now, most people have at least heard the term "carbon footprint." But ask people to estimate what their daily carbon footprint is or, indeed, why it's important, and you'll likely be met with the blankest of blank stares. [Full Story>>](#)