

# Multnomah County Advisory Committee on Sustainability & Innovation

## Advisory Committee Purpose

The advisory committee was established by the Multnomah county board of county commissioners to advise the Board of County Commissioners and the Office of Sustainability on issues regarding sustainability and innovation.

## Advisory Committee Vision

The Advisory Committee on Sustainability and Innovation provides relevant advice and input to the Board of County Commissioners, upon request or on their own initiative, on matters pertaining to the near and long term sustainability of the communities of Multnomah County. The advisory committee defines sustainability as a balance of equity, environment, and economy, where no one priority is sacrificed for the sake of the others. The advisory committee believes strongly that efforts that meet the needs of some while disregarding or endangering the well-being of others should not be considered sustainable.

## Committee Member Qualifications

### Requirements:

- Must live or work in Multnomah County
- Willing to serve a two year term
- Willing to attend quarterly meetings (2 hours/quarter)
- Willing to participate on at least one subcommittee (3-5 hours/quarter)
- County employees and employees of organizations doing business with the County are not eligible

### Desirable Qualities:

- **Innovative.** Able to see how sustainability principals can be applied to County services and help chart a course for sustainability and technological/business innovation.
- **Collaborative.** Actively participate in committee discussions and work on one or more of the task-forces established by the committee.
- **Open Minded.** Able to advocate for a broad audience, particularly individuals who utilize County safety net services, not for one narrow constituency or perspective.
- **Sustainability Focused.** Has a strong grasp of sustainability concepts, including the triple bottom line approach that integrates social equity, environmental protection, and economic development.
- **Committed.** Takes membership in organizations seriously and is willing to tackle a fair and equitable share of work to support the Committee.
- **Experienced.** Has an established track record of working effectively on sustainability related policy and/or planning.

## Help us build our knowledge base!

Multnomah County is looking for individuals with diverse viewpoints and experiences in one or more areas related to the County's sustainability efforts, including but not limited to: social equity, environmental justice, climate change, sustainable economic development, energy efficiency, public health and others.

**\*\*Save the Date\*\***

**Orientation for new members will be held on December 18, 9 – 10 am**  
**Committee Meeting Take Place Quarterly from 8 – 10 am**  
**The first 2015 meetings will be held on January 14<sup>th</sup>**