


The Green Needham Collaborative





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Green Needham is a *collaborative* – bringing together Needham residents and organizations who share a common interest in building a more sustainable community through collaborative efforts on energy and the environment.



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Diagram illustrating the collaborative partners under the umbrella:

- Town of Needham
- Needham Public Schools
- Parent Groups
- Olin College
- Needham residents
- Business Community
- League of Women Voters
- Community Groups



Green Needham Mission

Local projects, action and education to:

- Reduce the use of fossil fuels
- Save money on energy
- Promote innovation in energy conservation and energy production, including renewable energy
- Offer collaborative and educational opportunities for Olin College & Needham Public School students



Community-wide Collaboration for energy & the environment

- Generate community-wide engagement by providing a unified view of diverse efforts
- Leverage and promote activities by multiple groups
- Encourage networking and collaboration among Needham institutions, community organizations, businesses and individuals.
- Reduce duplication by helping interested parties find and join existing efforts
- Build and demonstrate a critical mass of support for action



Organization

- Low overhead and flexible
- Individual members
- **Steering Committee** provides long-term guidance
- **Co-chairs** coordinate, keep things moving
- **Collaborating organizations** through participating members
- **Action teams** to advance goals and distribute leadership
- Focus on collaborative work outside of meetings
- Supporting **infrastructure** to facilitate collaboration
- Creating a **Green Needham Foundation** to enable grant support for community projects



Collaborating Organizations

- League of Women Voters Climate Action Committee
- Olin College
- Town of Needham
- Needham Public Schools
 - NHS Science Department
 - NHS Environmental Club
 - Pollard Environmental Action Team
 - Needham Science Center
- GreenKids
- Temple Beth Shalom Environmental Concerns Committee
- Massachusetts Climate Action Network
- New England Wind Fund

Other represented organizations:

- US Environmental Protection Agency
- Commonwealth of Massachusetts DEP



Projects

(Green Needham & collaborators)

- 10% Energy Challenge
- Needham Community Solar Challenge
- Wind Feasibility Study
- Community Outreach and Education
 - Talks and Presentations to Community Groups
 - Outreach to Houses of Worship
 - [Your World - Bringing it Home](#) on [The Needham Channel](#)
 - [Pam's Latest Discovery](#) - Monthly column in [The Hometown Weekly](#)
- EPA Community Energy Challenge
- Green Tips
- Transportation Survey

More...



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- Needham Public Schools-based groups:
 - Green Kids (Elementary PTCs)
 - PEAT - Pollard Environmental Action Team
 - High School Environmental Club
 - Needham Science Center
- NEF/Green Needham/NPS Collaborative Initiative
- Needham Community Farm
- Needham RTS & Needham Public Schools - Expanded Recycling Program
- Town of Needham's Xeriscape Landscaping
- Needham RTS Pilot Food Waste Composting Program
- Newton-Needham Chamber Green Business Expo



How to get involved

- Join Green Needham
 - Go to the website at <http://www.greenneedham.org> and click the “Join” button
 - Fill out the brief survey
 - No cost or obligation, just an interest in making Needham a more sustainable community
- Attend a meeting
 - Future meetings posted on the wiki calendar
 - Notices provided through the Green Needham listserv
- Get more information
 - From the website or wiki
 - From Michael Greis (mgreis@comcast.net) or Wendy Surr (wendysurr@aol.com)



- Green Needham Collaborative:
 - www.GreenNeedham.org
- Green Needham Collaborative Wiki
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