



Memo

To: Dave Plyman
From: Dan Westin
Date: January 5th 2015
Re: Discussion item for Council meet January 12th – Sustainability Forum

SUBJECT: Sustainability Forum

History and Facts:

According to Websters definition:

sus-tain-able

- able to be used without being completely used up or destroyed
- involving methods that do not completely use up or destroy natural resources
- able to last or continue for a long time

- Rochelle has made quite some effort to be renewable and progressive. We just completed our 312 kW PhotoVoltaic Plant west of the water treatment plant which is performing very well even in winter
- RMU has been encouraged recently by recognition of its actions on solar plants as well as its commitment to cogen methane reuse (Bio-Gas) reuse at the city's landfill.
- Rochelle businesses are engaged in sustainability efforts as presented at various service club events

Discussion:

RMU will make an invitation to a brainstorming session for a potential sustainability projects for Rochelle.

The purpose is to explore ideas and review the top related sustainability policies, programs and projects that have improved the economies of local governments. The goal of Rochelle Municipal Sustainability Forum is to connect our local government, constituents and utility customers to solutions for economic growth and a sustainable future.

The meeting is meant to capture interest in this area and make use of time more efficiently instead of the one on one activities we now encounter.