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Grand River Environmental Network

Re: Climate Change Workshop-in-a-Box

To whom it may concern:

The Region of Waterloo is working together with the City of Cambridge, City of Kitchener, City of Waterloo, the Grand River Conservation Authority, and ICLEI Canada to create a Community Climate Adaptation Plan.

The Community Climate Adaptation Planning process is based on observed and/or projected climate change impacts. Developing the plan will involve the assessment of local vulnerabilities and risks to these impacts, and make recommendations on how to prevent or minimize the damage that these impacts can cause within Waterloo Region.

In order to assess what areas to prioritize, the Region needs to collect a wide range of people's perceptions on vulnerability to extreme weather and changing climate conditions. As a key community stakeholder, you and your organization's perspectives are critical to understanding the vulnerabilities facing our community. We have identified you and your organization as an ideal candidate to complete a self-guided "Workshop in a Box" within your organization due to your well established relationship amongst your co-workers, members or clients. A facilitator will be needed to organize and run the workshop.

To enable facilitation of this activity, you will be e-mailed a complete workshop-in-a-box package that provides everything you need to conduct this ½ day activity. The goal of this activity is for you and your group to identify how you and your organization are already, or could be, impacted by changes in local climate conditions. This information will help us assess how the community can better adapt to these impacts from occurring in the future by minimizing risk where possible.

For more information on the workshop in a box please see the attached flyer. If you are interested in completing a workshop-in-a-box activity or have any

questions in regards to the workshop-in-a-box process please contact
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Sincerely,

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