

About the Southeast Sustainability Directors Network (SSDN)



SSDN At a Glance

What We Do: We collaborate to accelerate the adoption of sustainable best practices in American Southeastern communities. We do this by peer to peer information sharing, collaborating to create solutions then implementing those regionally innovated solutions.

Why We Exist: The purpose of this network is to build capacity for community sustainability in the Southeast. Southeastern communities face sustainability challenges unique to the region, including barriers to energy efficiency and renewable energy implementation, neighborhood redevelopment, water quality and supply issues, and environmental conservation.

Who We Are: We started in 2012 and are comprised of 35 city and county government sustainability officials from the Southeastern US.

How We Work Together: Collaboration and candor are foundational to our network approach. We are a network developed to establish deep professional connections between local government officials across the southeast. These connections are fostered through multi-city collaborative projects, face to face meetings, information sharing webinars and newsletters, and a website designed for member dialog.

SSDN Membership

Membership Eligibility:

- City or County Government Staff from one of 9 Southeastern States (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee)
- Dedicated to the active pursuit of sustainability, climate action and/or energy conservation
- Committed to cross-department and community-wide collaborations to achieve sustainability and/or energy goals

Membership Requirements:

- Contribute to the SSDN Vision by participating in working groups, surveys, webinars, and/or website development
- Connect to and share with other SSDN Members
- Prepare a summary of sustainable activities in your community
- Make attendance at SSDN Annual Meetings a priority – Travel funding is available

Member Benefits

- Connect to sustainability professionals in the Southeast
- Peer to peer information sharing and collaboration
- Access to newsletters, webinars and website

Dues are currently not required for participants in SSDN

Questions?

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Vision Statement:

SSDN strives to support members in their work, influence sustainable policies and programs at the local and state levels, and lead the advancement of national sustainability. This will be accomplished by:

- Closing the progress gaps between the Southeast and the rest of the nation;
- Leveraging the knowledge and experience of local government sustainability officials by being a member driven network to build regional capacity;
- Collaborating to streamline sustainable policymaking and program development

