



NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

Tuesday May 4 – Thursday, May 6, 2021 | Virtual Event

The Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Montgomery County Committee (MCC) of USGBC National Capital Region (USGBC NCR) invite proposals for educational presentations at the [Virtual 2021 Montgomery County Energy Summit](#). For the past seven years and counting, **the Summit has annually offered cutting-edge education focused on the latest trends in green building, energy efficiency, renewable energy, and related topics pertinent to commercial, multifamily, and residential projects** in Montgomery County. Our target audience includes building owners, property managers, developers, energy contractors, and other sustainability professionals working in Montgomery County and the larger DMV area. Last year's virtual event brought out nearly 330 attendees.

The theme for this year's Summit is **"Resiliency, from Building to Community."** We will explore strategies, technologies, and case studies focused on enhancing the resiliency of the commercial, multifamily, and residential built environment. Not only must we adapt to changing climate hazards in our buildings, but our economy and public health must become more resilient as well. Together, our community can adapt and become more resilient against changes to our regional and global climate, while striving to reach the County's ambitious goal of zero carbon emissions by 2035.

IMPORTANT DATES

*Submission Deadline: **Friday, March 12, 2021***

*Announcement of Selected Sessions: **Week of March 22, 2021***

*Energy Summit 2021: **Tuesday, May 4, Wednesday, May 5, and Thursday, May 6, 2021***

PRESENTATION DETAILS

Breakout sessions: Sessions are 60 minutes; typically formatted as a 45-minute pre-recorded education presentation and 15 minutes of live Q&A. Presentations tend to include a panel of 2 or more speakers from different organizations to provide multiple perspectives on a topic but may feature a single presenter depending on the content. Sessions will be submitted for GBCI and, if applicable, AIA continuing education credit.

Speakers commit to working with USGBC to pre-record their presentations as well as to attending their session at the Summit and participating in the live Q&A. All presentations will be made available after the event online via the USGBC education platform.

Please note, all presenters will receive complimentary registration to the Summit, which includes access to other live Summit education sessions, morning plenaries, networking salons, and complimentary access to the recorded Energy Summit Education Sessions following the event. Unfortunately, we are not able to compensate presenters for their time.

Montgomery County Energy Summit

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

SUGGESTED TOPICS

We especially encourage proposals focused on the topics below, although other topics are welcome.

- Resiliency and climate adaption in the built environment
- Emerging & innovative technologies, such as energy storage and microgrids
- Cost-effective net-zero strategies in buildings construction
- Case studies including single-family residential, multifamily, mixed use, educational, campus, or energy-intensive building types
- Green infrastructure
- Embodied carbon and life-cycle analysis
- Resiliency-focused building codes and certifications, such as RELi
- Energy security
- Innovative financing solutions for resilient design
- Design/construction best practices & materials
- Sustainable single-family home approaches
- Communicating your resiliency success story

NOTE: Proposals focused solely on promoting a specific product/service without a relevant, local-area case study application or connection to the Energy Summit theme will not be considered.

THE SELECTION PROCESS

We strive to offer a program of breakout sessions that incorporates our theme of “**Resiliency, from Building to Community**” and has a variety of topics to appeal to our core audience in Montgomery County. The selection committee will evaluate submissions and make selections based on topic, speaker credentials, relevance to Montgomery County, and audience interest.

Strong preference is shown for proposals that include:

- Well-rounded, multi-speaker panels showcasing perspectives of stakeholders like building owners, property/facility managers and tenants in addition to service providers.
- Specific case studies or examples located in the DMV area
- Financial analysis and project data that makes the business case for action

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

The link to the application can be found at the end of this Call for Proposals. All proposals must be submitted electronically via the online submission site no later than the deadline of **Friday, March 12, 2021**. Only complete applications will be considered.

Applications cannot be saved and returned to later—we suggest that applicants use a text editing program to compose and save their work before transferring the information to the application. Applicants may submit multiple proposals.

Application requirements:

- Presentation title (12 words max)
- A short description for promotion (25 words max)
- An abstract (500 words max)
- Learning objectives (minimum of 4)
Course level (basic, intermediate, advanced, or expert)
- Designation of primary target audience
- A link to an online bio or LinkedIn profile for each presenter
- Virtual presentation experience
- Willingness to be combined with a similar proposal if necessary (Y/N)

APPLY HERE

Questions? Please contact Lindsey Shaw at lindsey.shaw@montgomerycountymd.gov.