

Needham Summit on Energy and the Environment
what we have done.....what we might do
Monday, October 24, 2011

A collaboration of Olin College, Needham League of Women Voters, and Green Needham

Massachusetts is a national leader in aggressively meeting multiple energy and environmental challenges. The Massachusetts Clean Energy and Climate Plan for 2020 describes what Massachusetts will do by 2020 toward:

- reducing energy costs,
- creating energy independence,
- accelerating the development of a clean energy economy,
- addressing global climate change,
- mitigating the human health and financial impact of air pollution

Communities have a vital role to play in achieving these goals. Needham is already stepping up to the challenge, but where do we go from here? What can Needham be in 2020? This important Fall Forum is an opportunity to consider a shared vision and responsibility for our future.

Date: Monday, October 24, 2011

Time: 6:30 pm -9:15 pm

Place: Olin College, Milas Hall

Speakers: David Cash - Commissioner, MA Dept. of Public Utilities

Anthony Brooks - veteran NPR reporter and co-host of WBUR's Radio Boston

Program:

- Conversation with David Cash and Anthony Brooks about the Massachusetts 2020 plan and the roles of the state and communities in achieving it.
- Break-out groups on "what's next," – to generate and discuss ideas on what Needham could be in 2020 and how we might get there. Themes:
 - Water
 - Food
 - Transportation
 - Energy sources and choices
 - Development: the built environment
 - Energy efficiency & conservation
 - The Green Economy: opportunities & skills
- Summary by discussion groups

The forum will include: interested citizens; town leaders; students from Olin, Wellesley, and Babson Colleges; Needham students; representatives from businesses, houses of worship, and community groups; and legislators.

**Please save the date and share this invitation with others in your organization.
Plan to join us to set a direction for what our community can look like in 2020
and beyond.**

Information and resources will be maintained and updated at the [Summit Resource Page](http://greenneedham.org/blog/needham-summit)
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