



# City of Albany

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August 21, 2008

City of Albany City Council

Subject: Green Albany Day

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

The City of Albany Sustainability Committee is writing to express our interest in incorporating a Green Albany Day as a new annual City event. We further recommend that the Sustainability Committee be charged with decisive authority over the content of the event and the responsibility to ensure that the event presents the most innovative, rigorous, and authentic "green" solutions available.

Green Albany Day would be comprised of informational workshops for the community and serve as a platform to promote environmental awareness. Additionally, this event would aim to coordinate with the City's new economic development consultant and network with local agencies, non profits and organizations including local business organizations to achieve goals outlined within the City's Program SEED (Sustainability, Environment and Economic Development Program), adopted by City Council in July 2007.

We believe the City, in coordination with the Sustainability Committee, should hold an annual Green Albany Day as it mirrors our expressed goals to educate the community on matters relating to environmental issues. Additionally, as approved by City Resolution No. 07-46, the Sustainability Committee is charged with review and implementation of the City's Clean and Green Task Force Recommendations dated July 2, 2007, which call for an annual event to:

- a. Promote to the region that Albany is a green city looking to provide a home to green sustainable businesses.
- b. Educate local business owners and residents about the need to reduce global warming, and conserve natural resources.
- c. Promote sustainable businesses and non-profit organizations that help accomplish those goals.

The Sustainability Committee thanks you for your time and consideration of this matter. We look forward to the opportunity to provide environmental education to our community.

Very truly yours,

Thomas Cooper, Chair  
Sustainability Committee

*The City of Albany is dedicated to maintaining its small town ambience, responding to the needs of the community, and providing a safe, healthy environment now and in the future.*



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