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## Milwaukee Sustainability Planning and Homeowner Resource Event

Residents are invited to attend a free City of Milwaukee sustainability planning and homeowner resource event on Thursday evening.

The event – co-hosted by **Alderman Terry L. Witkowski** and the city **Office of Environmental Sustainability (OES)** – will be held from **6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 19** in the Robert A. Anderson Water Tower Building at S. 6<sup>th</sup> St. and W. Howard Ave.

Alderman Witkowski said the event will provide attendees with access to resources that can help them be more sustainable and also help lower their energy and water bills. In addition, he said attendees will be able to provide input into the City of Milwaukee’s Sustainability Plan, as representatives from OES will be asking participants to “tell us what is most important to them and their neighbors.”

At the event, homeowners will be able to learn how to:

- Make and finance improvements to their home which will help them save energy and reduce their monthly utility bills (**Me2- Milwaukee Energy Efficiency Program**).
- Use renewable energy at home (**Milwaukee Shines** solar program).
- Divert storm water out of the sewer and into their gardens (Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District rain barrels).
- Use public transportation and other commuting alternatives from the City Engineer.

“This event is an opportunity for residents to learn how they can be more environmentally friendly at home, from landscaping to bicycle commuting,” he said.

“Residents will also have a chance to learn about ways to become more involved in citywide efforts to improve our local environment and improve the livability of Milwaukee for everyone,” Alderman Witkowski said.