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**Climate Minnesota: Burnsville Convening  
Connects Local Community to Climate Change**

*Experts, community leaders and storytellers share local impacts and solutions*

<b>WHAT</b>	<p>On Tuesday, May 12, <i>Climate Generation: A Will Steger Legacy</i> (formerly the Will Steger Foundation), in partnership with the City of Burnsville and the Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District, will host a public convening on climate change, <a href="#">Climate Minnesota: Burnsville</a>.</p> <p>In response to the urgent need for increased awareness of local climate change impacts and tangible, community-based solutions, <i>Climate Generation</i> has launched a two-year public education project, <b><i>Climate Minnesota: Local Stories, Community Solutions</i></b>.</p> <p>A core component of this effort is a series of local convenings across the state that connect Greater Minnesota communities to the climate change impacts, solutions and adaptations that are happening now. Funding for this project comes from the <i>Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency</i> and the <i>McKnight Foundation</i>.</p> <p>The <b><i>Climate Minnesota: Burnsville Convening</i></b> will feature information on the current and future effects of climate change on the Twin Cities Metro area. In addition, the convening will highlight the innovative solutions that community leaders are advancing to address climate change, and the personal stories motivating this action.</p> <p>Participants will have the opportunity to engage with the issue in solutions-oriented breakout sessions, where they will join together with others and commit to implementing climate solutions in their community.</p>
<b>WHO</b>	<p>The convening will feature the following guest speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. John Abraham, University of St. Thomas Professor of Thermal Sciences</li><li>• Mayor Elizabeth B. Kautz, Burnsville</li><li>• Muhammad Jiwa, Minnesota Interfaith Power &amp; Light</li><li>• Anna Bertch, Nicollet Jr. High Student</li><li>• Andy Holdsworth, head of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' Climate Change Adaptation Team</li></ul>

<b>WHEN</b>	Tuesday, May 12 5:30 p.m.: Resource Fair 6-8:30 p.m.: Convening
<b>WHERE</b>	Diamondhead Education Center 200 West Burnsville Parkway Burnsville, MN 55337
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