



COMMUNITY REPORT May 2008

TRANSPORTATION – DOES IT IMPACT ON OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT?

Recently the Brookings Institution reported that the Syracuse metropolitan area contributes more global warming per person than most other cities and this may be due in part to sprawling suburbs and limited public transportation. In a Syracuse Post Standard article, Ed Bogucz, executive director of the Syracuse Center of Excellence in Environmental and Energy Systems (and Accelerate Partner with F.O.C.U.S.) pointed to transportation as a critical sustainability issue and said, “As a community, we rely very heavily on personal vehicles, and not heavily on public transportation.” F.O.C.U.S. is providing opportunities to learn more about facts relating to public transportation, highways, and transportation planning. F.O.C.U.S. initiated a community discourse on this topic several months ago with a report on Route 81 followed by a report about SMTC. Attendees at Core Group learn the facts that are quite different from the myths one hears on the street. Learn the facts about public transportation and future plans from Rich Landerkin and Steve Koegel at **F.O.C.U.S. Core Group, June 13, 7:30 – 8:45 a.m. @ City Hall Commons**. F.O.C.U.S. Board VP, Bob Haley will facilitate.

CNY’s RESPONSE TO GLOBAL ENERGY & CLIMATE CHANGE – Seminar, Thursday, June 12, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. @ Oncenter Complex – FREE – Everyone is Welcome

Invited by SUNY/ESF, F.O.C.U.S. will be represented on the panel to discuss greening efforts of several CNY communities that are responding to global energy supply alternatives and regional climate change challenges. Dave Eichorn, News Channel 9 Meteorologist will be the facilitator. Other panel members include Rhea Jezer, Todd Rogers, Dereth Glance, and Dave Wall. Information and Registration: www.esf.edu/outreach/pd/2008/climate

CREATIVE CORE GREEN TEAM: The Green Team’s Community Outreach Task Group, co-chaired by Destiny’s Melissa Perry and F.O.C.U.S.’s Chuckie Holstein will hold its first meeting on June 6 with representatives from 5 counties. We will be looking for a lot of assistance as our reach is into 14 counties. Let us know if you are interested.

F.O.C.U.S. IS 10 YEARS OLD: In celebration of our 10th year, F.O.C.U.S. is planning a series of spectacular events. We have a secret - watch for breaking news!

JULY 11 F.O.C.U.S. CORE GROUP: “SAY YES TO EDUCATION”

Presenter: Superintendent Dan Lowengard, Syracuse City School District