



## 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan Partners Sought

### WHY does the GCP need Partners?

The [Green Cincinnati Plan](#) (GCP) is our community's vision for collective action to address climate change and prepare for the local impacts. While the City's Office of Environment and Sustainability facilitates the GCP's engagement process, tracking and reporting, as well as some portions of implementation, a plan as robust as this facing a problem as massive as climate change, requires all hands and minds in the effort. With 30 goals, 40 strategies, and 130 actions to work toward over the next 5 years, there will likely be more than 100 GCP Partners championing its implementation across all 8 focus areas.

### WHAT is a GCP Partner?

Partners will come in many forms - some may serve as a model by living out their existing mission every day and even stretching themselves to grow into new spaces. Others may actively convene partners and lead the development of funding proposals. At their core, though, all Partners are making the goals, strategies, and actions of the GCP come to life - no matter how large or small. In a very basic way, Partners agree to:

- Join OES and others to make one or more actions in the Plan happen
- Remain in periodic communication with their OES point person around progress, changes, and challenges
- Continue to gather and leverage resources of all kinds (people, expertise, funding, time, etc.)
- Join in advocating for shared priorities with other GCP Partners when applicable
- Serve as an ambassador for the Green Cincinnati Plan as it aligns with their own mission

### WHO are GCP Partners?

A GCP Partner is an organization (formal or informal) that...

- Agrees to implement one or more GCP priority actions because of strong alignment with their own mission/vision
- Has some credibility, connectivity, and other resources to accomplish the selected action (s) whether independently or in collaboration with others
- Helps to build a culture of action, implementation, and collective buy-in amongst peers
- Has a mission or vision that strongly aligns with one or more of the GCP Pillars of sustainability, equity, and resilience
- Has openness to or experience with leading efforts using an equity lens

A GCP Partner is NOT:

- An individual
- An organization that agrees with and endorses every part of the Green Cincinnati Plan

### **HOW to become a GCP Partner?**

GCP Partners are self-selected organizations that agree to lead or support implementation of one or more actions of the GCP. To initiate becoming a GCP Partner, you are encouraged to visit [Green Cincinnati Plan Champions - Environment & Sustainability](#). From there, follow the steps outlined. After an intro call with an OES staff member, then your organization can decide whether or not to proceed to make it official.

### **HOW will GCP Partners be recognized?**

OES will recognize partners in a few ways. First, OES will build and maintain a web-based list of Partners by Strategy/Action on the Green Cincinnati Plan's main website ([www.greencincinnati.org](http://www.greencincinnati.org)). This living resource document will live on the GCP website adjoining the Plan itself. OES will also recognize all identified Partners by action in [ClimateView](#) - the new, public-facing progress tracking tool. Partners may be invited to periodic gatherings and occasionally be asked to share successes with elected officials and the broader community through storytelling.