

Lunchbox Series 2024 Questions & Answers (Q&As)

Q: How can I sign up my Community League as being interested to host an in-person workshop (if any are being held in the future)?

A: Please email us at change4climate@edmonton.ca.

Q: Should Community Leagues form a Sustainability Committee to consolidate community efforts?

A: It could be helpful to have a formal sustainability committee but is not required.

Q: What level of time commitment do you think would be required to be a success at this?

A: It depends. It was designed to accommodate however much time you have to give. Once you initiate the program, you may find a keen neighbour has a lot more time than you and is anxious to be the main coordinator, freeing up your time for other commitments. If everyone gives a bit of time, that can amount to a lot of time!

Each action card includes the level of effort required, 1= low; 2=mid and 3=high effort. But cards do not include time estimates for that activity.

Q: Will there be a climate connector registry set-up? People would need to consent to being on that list, but it might be nice to be able to see if there is another “climate connector” near me.

A: When signing up as a “Climate Connector”, you will be asked which neighbourhood you belong to and we will keep track. As the program becomes more established, a registry could be one of the features included.

Q: Nature & Plants – Is there information on using natural plants and pollinators in gardens and to replace lawns. Programs to identify unused garden space that community members can use to grow food.

A: The themes of native plants and pollinators are threaded throughout that topic, but perhaps not expressed as explicitly. For those who wish to explore this further, links are provided on the “[Additional Resources](#)” document.

Q: What Nature & Plants action can encourage preservation & protection of mature trees and soil during infill redevelopment to increase climate resilience and reduce heat island effect?

A: None of the nature or garden cards specifically mention mature trees and infill, but we could look for something suitable to add to the "[Additional Resources](#)" document.

Plant a Garden references "reduce the urban heat island effect" and Plant Trees references "create cooler spaces."

Q: Is there any support for efforts that might be the next steps from the Starter cards—larger things, such as pushing for naturalization in a park, procuring air quality sensors for community leagues across the city, City space for hosting sessions like building bug-out bags or corse-rosenthal boxes, etc.

A: Some neighbourhoods in the city may be further ahead on climate action than others and are encouraged to move to the "next steps" or bigger initiatives that may not have a specific card. Throughout the summer we will be gathering more ideas that can be shared out with everyone, including adding links to the "[Additional Resources](#)" document. You are encouraged to record your extra actions on the blank cards in the card deck. Your neighbours or perhaps your local Community League has suggestions for spaces to host events.

Q: Are there any grants or funding being provided by the City to support some of these actions in communities?

A: Depending on the action you are considering, a grant may be available. View [Grants and Funding Supports](#) on the City website. View the [Alberta Ecotrust website](#) for another source of funding, especially for larger projects.

For more information, visit our [website](#) or email us at changeformclimate@edmonton.ca.

Note: Toolkits will be available starting April 20, 2024 until supplies last.

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