



About EcoDistricts

EMPOWERING JUST, RESILIENT, SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBORHOODS FOR ALL.

Founded in May 2013, EcoDistricts is a not-for-profit social enterprise focused on propelling a new model of urban regeneration to empower just, sustainable, resilient neighborhoods for all. With hundreds of millions of people moving into cities around the world and trillions being spent to accommodate this growth over the next 30 years, EcoDistricts sees a major market opportunity to promote a range of district and neighborhood-scale sustainability best practices that simultaneously address climate change, equity and resiliency.

Our organization's values and business strategy is built around the EcoDistricts Protocol, a framework and industry standard to forever change how urban regeneration is approached. The EcoDistricts Protocol is a first-of-its-kind process-based framework and certification standard that puts a comprehensive lens on every urban regeneration decision, drives the delivery of meaningful performance outcomes, and sets the conditions for sustainable, collaborative impact. It sits at the core of everything we do as an organization: our lines of business, our willingness to take a stand, our desire to mobilize and engage, and our approach to accelerating project success.

Led by a talented, multi-disciplinary staff and influential Board of Directors, EcoDistricts is building a set of interconnected products and services in the following four priority areas to serve and support the growing number of urban development practitioners and policymakers that are responsible for building the neighborhood-scale sustainable development marketplace throughout North America and beyond.

HOW WE WORK

COMMUNITY

An engagement strategy to grow and connect the number of urban development advocates and practitioners, Community includes a citizen and practitioner activation, membership, donor and convening sponsorship programs that provide critical resources to power the organization. Membership provides exclusive and lower-cost access to our accreditation training, workshops, and tools and resources including the EcoDistricts Information Exchange, a robust on-line depository of case studies, best practices and member resources.

CONVENING

EcoDistricts has built an exceptional reputation as a conveyor of innovative, diverse and highly experiential leadership and educational experiences that convene some of the world's most innovative, cutting-edge experts from around the globe focused on advancing district and neighborhood- scale sustainability. Since 2012, over 5,000 attendees have participated in our workshops, trainings and Summit, representing over 200 projects from over 100 cities, 25 states and 12 countries.

- **SUMMIT** — Our capstone event, the annual EcoDistricts Summit and shoulder Research Symposium draw urban development leaders from around the globe to propel industry best practices in a highly interactive, city-as-urban-lab experience. Learn more at summit.ecodistricts.org
- **INCUBATOR** — The EcoDistricts Incubator is a three-day intensive designed to empower urban development project teams to accelerate sustainable district-scale projects forward. Held in EcoDistricts' headquarters city of Portland, world-class faculty and facilitators guide project teams through a powerful mix of presentations, work sessions, and mobile tours to support mastery of the EcoDistricts Protocol Implementation Model. Learn more at incubator.ecodistricts.org
- **DISTRICT ENERGY+WATER ACADEMY (DE+WA)** — New for 2016, DE+WA is designed to engage practitioners pursuing catalytic, integrated infrastructure projects to sustainably meet their city's ever-growing resource demands. DE+WA showcases the urban lab of Vancouver, BC, one of the world's most aggressive cities in advancing a low-carbon distributed energy infrastructure to help them meet stringent livability and GHG reduction targets. Learn more at dewa.ecodistricts.org
- **ACCREDITATION TRAININGS** — Our Accreditation program is designed to help urban development practitioners become proficient in using the EcoDistricts Protocol to manage sustainable project development. Accreditation compliments other industry accreditation programs, with an emphasis on the most relevant and cutting-edge district and neighborhood-scale sustainability best practices.

COLLABORATION

EcoDistricts is building out a multi-disciplinary consultation program based on five years of direct experience advancing 16 local EcoDistrict pilot projects and 50 years of collective industry expertise in the areas of green building, urban planning and community engagement. Our multi-disciplinary advisors are positioned to help project proponents, policymakers and project managers embrace and integrate the Protocol into projects, and to advance towards project certification. In addition, the Collaboration Team offers up a suite of workshops, advisory and studio services in the areas of project readiness and formation, policy, governance and project-based implementation pathways.

CERTIFICATION+ACCREDITATION

EcoDistricts Certification is a first-of-its-kind process-based standard that empowers practitioners to achieve scalable outcomes in equity, resilience and resource protection. Powered by the EcoDistricts Protocol, EcoDistricts Certification is a marque of industry leadership that expresses your commitment to transparency, cross-stakeholder information sharing, and peer-to-peer learning; elements that are central to the EcoDistricts Certification process. Without this level of exchange among peers, policy makers, practitioners, and our communities, our districts and neighborhoods will not thrive. Certification is scheduled to launch in mid 2016.

EcoDistricts Accreditation provides practitioners with a marque of sustainable project leadership, clearly indicating their demonstrated ability to engage with the Protocol and work to apply it in the market place. As an Accredited Professional, you'll access a structured ongoing training framework to build capacity, share and learn new methods and approaches to the urban regeneration outcomes the Protocol is trying to advance. Accreditation is scheduled to launch in mid 2016.

Contact Us

To learn more about our programs and services, schedule a consultation with our team by contacting Eric Corey Freed, Director of Business Development + Partnerships.

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