



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Capacity-building Hub Capacity-building Day

### Hennepin County Leading the Future: Empowering Vulnerable Youth Through Green Jobs Concept Note

#### Background:

In May of 2021, Hennepin County released its first Climate Action Plan, along with the development of a new Climate and Resiliency department with the goal of reducing green house gas emissions while promoting resiliency across communities most vulnerable to climate change.

Hennepin County's Climate and resiliency department work is centered on disparity reduction and racial equity. Although the impacts of climate change will affect all residents, data shows that our black, indigenous and people of color, as well as low income families, and residents with disabilities are more impacted by the effects of climate change despite of being the ones who contribute the least to it.

In this context, one of our key goals is to promote green jobs and provide technical training for youth. This “green pathways” model will help us build resiliency by providing employment and income across our most vulnerable communities, while securing a “green” workforce to help us achieve our Climate Action goals.

#### Objectives:

1. Provide an overview of Hennepin County's “green pathways” model to build capacity across youth from historically underserved communities
2. Share learned lessons and best practices with other partner agencies on programs meant to strengthen youth skills
3. Find opportunities to expand synergies and foster cross collaboration
4. Promote and disseminate successful tools and methodologies for capacity building

#### Format:

Venue: 3<sup>rd</sup> Capacity-building Hub within COP26 (Blue zone)  
Location: Glasgow, UK  
Date: November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, Wednesday  
Length: 60 minutes  
Language: English





Our online format will include a presentation from all panelists, followed by a panel discussion (Q&A session). We will also include the participation of youth providing storytelling, using pre-recorded videos as well as directing a social media challenge.

**General Structure:**

17:15 – 17:30, Presentation I: “Green pathways” to empower youth in Hennepin County  
 17:30 – 17:45, Presentation II: Hennepin-University Urban Agriculture Initiative  
 17:45 – 18:00, Presentation III: Experiences from the Youth environmental education grant  
 18:00 – 18:15, Q&A: Lessons and Best practices

<b>Speakers</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Affiliation/Organization</b>
Diana Chaman Salas	Climate and Resiliency Director	Hennepin County
Craig Taylor	Regional Director	University of Minnesota - Extension
Patience Caso	Green Partners Coordinator	Hennepin County

<b>Moderators</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Affiliation/Organization</b>
Angie Timmons		Hennepin County

**Outcomes:**

- 1 online hub of climate and resiliency best practices for youth-focused green training
- Online guides for youth engagement, outreach, and capacity building
- Youth education seed funding
- List of international partners for interinstitutional collaboration opportunities

**Relevant Links:**

- [Hennepin County Climate Action](#)
- [Reducing racial disparities and seeking climate justice \(hennepin.us\)](#)
- [About Extension | UMN Extension](#)
- [Green-Partners-Grant-Flyer \(hennepin.us\)](#)

