



CITY OF SAINT PAUL

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Dear Members of the Great Lakes Integrated Science Assessment Review Panel:

The City of Saint Paul is pleased to collaborate with Dr. Roopali Phadke and Dr. Christie Manning on their Great Lakes Integrated Science Assessment (GLISA) project "Making it Personal: Public deliberation and climate change adaptation." The project explores models for community engagement on climate adaptation at the city level.

Dr. Phadke's and Dr. Manning's work will provide important information for the City of Saint Paul's long range planning, particularly with respect to the city's climate adaptation plan. Through the project's citywide survey we will gain a better understanding of current trends such as residents' understanding of climate change, their attitudes toward it, and their current energy use. Even more importantly, the outcomes of the neighborhood consensus conferences will inform public infrastructure planning decisions, conservation, and public health planning.

The work by Dr. Phadke, Dr. Manning and their students will create new capacity for citizen leaders on climate issues within the City of Saint Paul. This will allow us to activate new citizen action and communication networks within our city. It will also provide new channels through which the city can send vital information out to people at neighborhood level, to broadcast emergency alerts for things like excessive heat warnings, flood watches, or other reports about conditions in the city

The City of Saint Paul is also pleased that the project will create, and model, tools for engaging our citizens on the issue of climate change. These tools and communication strategies will be culturally appropriate for our diverse community and will help us connect climate change to issues that resonate with the citizens of Saint Paul.

Through our state-wide and national networks, we can help share the findings that emerge from this project. In particular, my position as First Vice President of the National League of Cities may provide outlets for disseminating research findings. As one of the founding cities of the ICLEI (Local Governments for Sustainability), our relationships with staff there and other partner cities from across the world may yield yet another avenue for sharing results.

My administration has worked with Dr. Phadke and Dr. Manning in the past and look forward to continuing this relationship. I hope this collaboration will create new opportunities for further connection with the Macalester College community.

If you have any questions, you can contact Anne Hunt, Environmental Policy Director in my office at anne.hunt@ci.stpaul.mn.us or 651.266.8520. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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