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Subject: Re: A Green Trifecta - news editorial from Laura Varn and Leighton Lord

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Thanks for reaching out with this Julie.

Funding home energy upgrades, developing a qualified workforce and driving demand from homeowners are critical challenges that effective community energy programs can help overcome.

Advocates and supporters of community energy programs are invited to join staff from The Sustainability Institute at the Community Energy Forum in Atlanta Feb. 22. There is no charge for this event to maximize attendance, collaboration and networking.

Many of you know CharlestonWISE, a program of the Sustainability Institute, is a DOE Better Buildings Neighborhood program in partnership with the Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance (SEEA) and city of Charleston. SEEA is managing Better Buildings grants to 12 diverse community energy programs across the Southeast, so they have a unique perspective and insight from their Better Buildings experience that will be shared at this event. The goal for these innovative community programs is to develop sustainable strategies as they transition away from ARRA funding.

Best regards,  
Brian



Time

Description

8:00 a.  
m.

Breakfast and Networking

9:00 a.  
m.

Welcome  
Michael Mills, SEEA President

9:15 a.  
m.

Opening Keynote:  
Community Betterment Through Sustainability

Speaker:

John Knott, President/CEO and Co-Founder, The Noisette  
Company, LLC

10:00  
a.m.

Morning Break

- 10:20 a.m.      Panel Discussion:  
Utility-Community Partnerships:  
Working Together to Achieve Shared Goals
- Panelists:  
Cynthia Adams, Executive Director, Local Energy Alliance Program  
Joe Gehrdes, Government Relations Manager, Huntsville Utilities  
Rob Phocas, Energy and Sustainability Manager, City of Charlotte  
(Invited)
- Moderator:  
Bob Balzar, Vice President of Energy Efficiency and Demand  
Response, Tennessee Valley Authority
- 12:00 p.m.      Lunch and Keynote  
Keynote Speaker: TBD
- 1:30 p.m.      Panel Discussion:  
Trends and Opportunities in Philanthropy:  
A Funders' Perspective
- Panelists:  
Judy Adler, Senior Program Officer, Turner Foundation  
Matt Baker, Environment Program Officer, William and Flora  
Hewlett Foundation (Invited)  
Jenny Russell, Merck Family Fund (Invited)
- Moderator:  
Jennifer Bumgarner, Southeastern Portfolio Manager, Energy  
Foundation
- 3:00 p.m.      Closing Remarks  
Speaker:  
Michael Mills, SEEA President

Atlanta, Georgia  
[Registration / More Information](#)

On Tue, Jan 15, 2013 at 4:11 PM, Julie Ducworth <[jducworth@libertyfellowshipsc.org](mailto:jducworth@libertyfellowshipsc.org)> wrote:

Good afternoon!

In case you missed it, last Friday The State newspaper ran a guest column written jointly by Leighton Lord and Laura Varn about scaling residential energy efficiency programs – collaboration, funding and the upside potential. For your convenience, I've included a link below, and I've attached a Word version.

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/01/11/2584917/lord-varn-how-sc-can-save-money.html#storylink=misearch>

We are planning to bring the collaborative group together again to continue the discussion on this topic. I will let you know when the meeting date has been set.

Julie

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