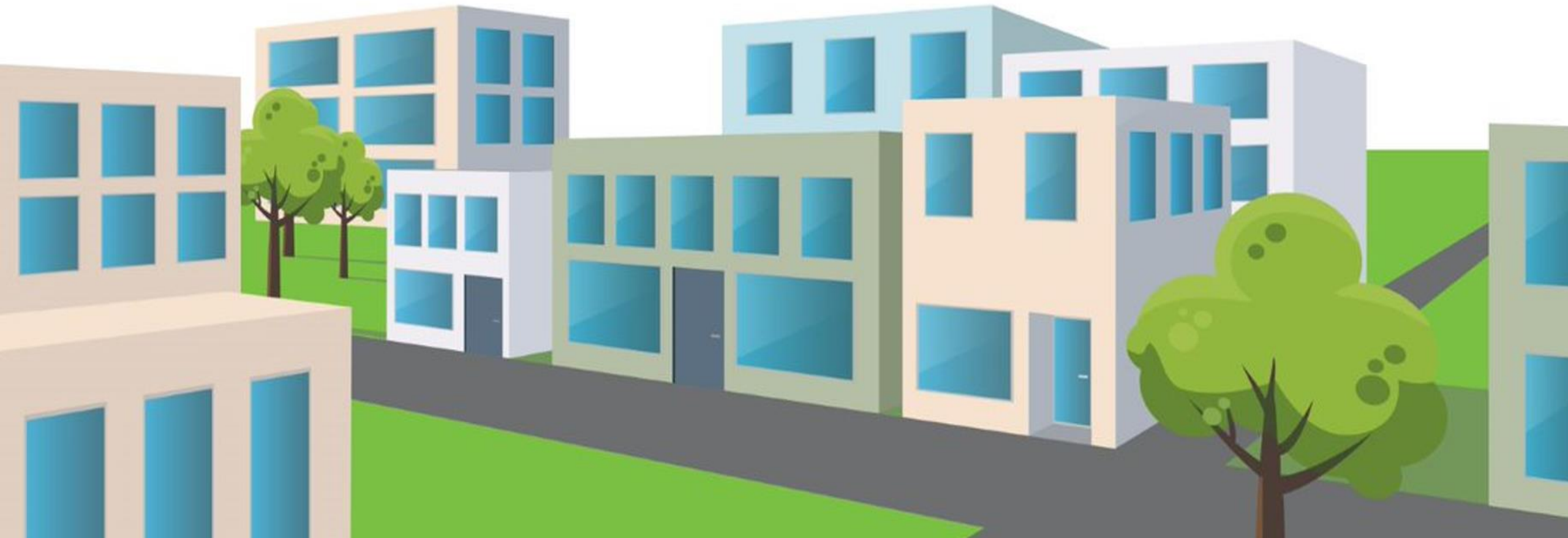


ENERGY COMMUNITIES ALLIANCE (ECA)



DOE's Consent-based Siting for
Interim Storage Program:
DE-FOA-0002575



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Consortium Overview

Background:

- ECA was formed over 30 years ago by local governments. Current membership includes 40+ city and county governments, port authorities, community reuse organizations, chambers of commerce, economic development councils, universities, and school districts.
- ECA communities currently host DOE's national laboratories, EM cleanup sites, nuclear weapons facilities, nuclear component manufacturing, nuclear energy sites, *de facto* interim storage sites, and are potential hosts for nuclear waste storage and disposal facilities.
- As local elected officials, ECA members are responsible for protecting the human health and environment in their communities in a way that offers community-drive and risk-based economic opportunity.
- ECA members are invested – and already engaged – in future new nuclear development.
- Many of our communities have been engaged in various forms of nuclear-related siting for over 40 years.



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Areas of Expertise:

ECA has been engaged in every DOE siting process, SNF/HLW program and formally provided testimony on Congressional efforts to address nuclear waste management and disposal.

Kara Colton, ECA's Director of Nuclear Policy, will lead the project with ECA Executive Director, Seth Kirshenber. Collectively they have more than 40 years experience educating communities and facilitating DOE, private sector, industry, regulator and state policymaker engagement with communities on the challenges posed by HLW and SNF disposition as well as the concept - both failed and successful – of consent. ECA has published several guides and policy papers for communities on nuclear waste management, storage and disposal issues, and outlining considerations for local governments interested in new nuclear development.

ECA participates in international forums on stakeholder engagement on nuclear issues and is a founding member of the *Global Partnership of Municipalities around Nuclear Facilities* which brings together communities hosting or interested in hosting nuclear facilities to share lessons learned and collaborate on the local role in supporting new nuclear development.

Geographical Area of Engagement



Overview of Process: Pursuing Parallel Paths

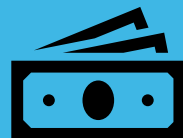
ECA will develop a framework for interaction around issues of storage and disposal of SNF and HLW with two objectives:

Build capacity in communities interested in consent-based siting to ensure they have the information – and informed representatives – to meaningfully engage on the issues a community will address as a potential host of a nuclear waste facility.



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Facilitate deeper engagement and (re)create momentum through grants for qualifying communities that demonstrate readiness to begin localized education and outreach.



Overview of Methods: Building Capacity

- Peer Exchanges for Local Governments
- Toolkit for Local Governments and Checklist for Consent-Based Siting
- Discussion Draft for a Consent-Based Siting Process
- Roundtables on Consent-Based Siting with Tribes, Regulators and State Policymakers
- Opportunities for energy community engagement with DOE-NE
- Forums for Regular Information Sharing and Interaction
- Final Report: Action Items and Recommendations



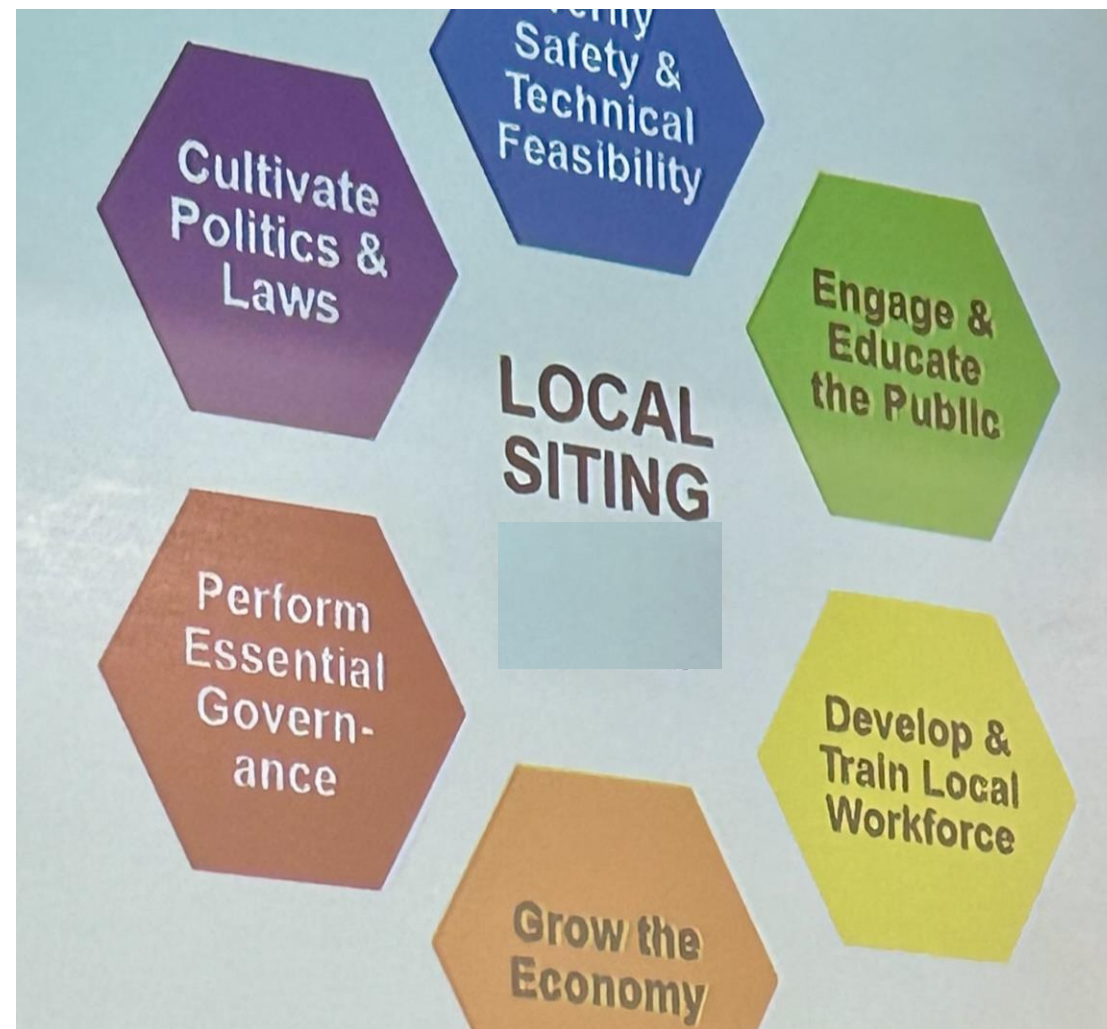
Overview of Methods: Facilitate Engagement through Community Grants

- Multi-disciplinary steering group
- Grants for Qualifying Individual Communities
- Provide technical assistance
- Assist with targeted technical assistance/identification of independent experts
- Create final reports of results, lessons learned, and impact evaluations
- Identify strategies that support mutual learning among stakeholders, communities and experts for Final Report: Action Items and Recommendations



Outcomes Expected

- Educate Communities
- Build trust and relationships through new, inclusive stakeholder engagement strategies.
- Develop outreach and communication strategies that foster collaboration, increase transparency and facilitate decisions seen as risk-based and equitable.
- Contribute actionable feedback to DOE-NE.
- Facilitate flexibility in a consent-based siting approach - there will be no one-size-fits-all model.



Thank You!

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