Clean Cities and Communities 101 Training Workshop
Oct. 28–29, 2026
Embassy Suites Downtown, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Oliver Ballroom

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2026

9 a.m.	Agenda review, learning objectives and housekeeping	Sandra Loi, National Laboratory of the Rockies (NLR)
9:10 a.m.	Welcome from Pittsburgh Region Clean Cities	Lisa Iadiccio, Pittsburgh Region Clean Cities Kristen Sabol, Pittsburgh Region Clean Cities
9:25 a.m.	Icebreaker	All
10 a.m.	Resources, training and technical support	Amy Snelling, NLR Hallie Rosenfield, ICF
11 a.m.	Break	
11:10 a.m.	Coalition administration best practices	Lauren Reichelt, NLR Joy Gardner, Empire Clean Cities Megan Upchurch, Centralina Clean Fuels
11:40 a.m.	Planning for an impactful coalition: Part 1	Margaret Smith, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Lauren Reichelt, NLR Trev Hall, NETL
12:45 p.m.	Working lunch (lunch will be provided) Re-designation overview and meet your Regional Managers	Grace McGinnis, DOE Regional Managers, NETL
1:55 p.m.	Planning for an impactful coalition: Part 2	Lauren Reichelt, NLR
3:05 p.m.	Break	
3:15 p.m.	Breakouts—choose one: 1. Establishing and managing boards and advisory committees (Oliver Ballroom) 2. Convening stakeholders with different perspectives (Grant Junior Ballroom)	 1. Victoria McGarrill, Energetics; Lisa Iadiccio, Pittsburgh Region Clean Cities; Megan Upchurch, Centralina Clean Fuels 2. Joanna Allerhand, NLR
4:15 p.m.	Reflection	Joanna Allerhand, NLR
4:45 p.m.	Closing and evaluation	Sandra Loi, NLR
5 p.m.	Training concludes	
6 p.m.	Optional: No Host Dinner **Coop De Ville**, 2305 Smallman St, Pittsburgh, PA 15222	

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8:30 a.m.	Welcome and learning objectives	Sandra Loi, NLR
8:45 a.m.	Tale of two coalitions	Joy Gardner, Empire Clean Cities Megan Upchurch, Centralina Clean Fuels
9:30 a.m.	Creating an implementation plan: Part 1	Lauren Reichelt, NLR Kristen Sabol, Pittsburgh Region Clean Cities
10:10 a.m.	Break	
10:25 a.m.	Creating an implementation plan: Part 2	Lauren Reichelt, NLR
11:30 a.m.	Lunch (on your own)	
12:40 p.m.	Local-national feedback loop: Coalition reporting	Margaret Smith, DOE Lauren Reichelt, NLR Kristen Sabol, Pittsburgh Region Clean Cities Megan Upchurch, Centralina Clean Fuels
1:40 p.m.	Break	
1:55 p.m.	Breakouts—choose one: 1. Relationships and networking: Building connections to expand coalition impact (Oliver Ballroom) 2. Communicating the value of CC&C and your coalition (Grant Junior Ballroom)	 1. Victoria McGarrill, Energetics; Joy Gardner, Empire Clean Cities; Megan Upchurch, Centralina Clean Cities 2. Joanna Allerhand, NLR
2:55 p.m.	Reflection	Joanna Allerhand, NLR
3:25 p.m.	Closing and evaluation	Sandra Loi, NLR
3:45 p.m.	Training concludes	