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## **City of Cleveland Hosts 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Sustainable Cleveland Summit September 20-21**

*Focuses on Mayor Frank G. Jackson's vision to build economic, social and environmental well-being for all*

**CLEVELAND** – More than 500 participants from around Northeast Ohio will gather at Cleveland Public Auditorium Sept. 20-21, 2018 to help create healthier, vital and more equitable neighborhoods in Cleveland. The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Sustainable Cleveland Summit is part of Sustainable Cleveland 2019, Mayor Frank G. Jackson's 10-year initiative to create a thriving "Green City on a Blue Lake." The initiative engages all Clevelanders to work together to develop a thriving and resilient city that leverages its assets to build economic, social and environmental well-being for all.

[Tickets to Sustainable Cleveland 2018 are available here.](#) Registration ends September 18<sup>th</sup>.

"We cannot become a great city without building a sustainable economy," said Mayor Jackson. "This Summit is critical to ensuring next year's successful culmination of Sustainable Cleveland 2019 and to help prepare for even greater progress in the future."

Summit participants will learn about new innovations, strengthen existing initiatives, and co-create Cleveland's sustainable future. Keynote speakers include:

- [Radhika Fox](#), CEO of the US Water Alliance;
- [Rue Mapp](#), Founder and CEO of Outdoor Afro; and
- Brigadier General [Stephen Cheney](#), USMC (Ret) and CEO of the American Security Project.

"Sustainable Cleveland 2019 is a platform to help people make smart, sustainable choices at home, at work and in the community," said Chief of Sustainability Matt Gray. "The goal of this Summit is to bring people together from all walks of life to celebrate our successes, finish strong in 2019 and help chart the path forward in creating a more sustainable city."

The 2018 Summit will build off the city's collective progress by focusing on:

- Neighborhood-level sustainability and equity;
- Implementing the updated Cleveland Climate Action Plan by advancing work on green business, sustainable transportation, clean energy, green space, and more; and
- Preparing for next year's culmination of Sustainable Cleveland 2019 and what comes next.

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Sustainable Cleveland celebrates a different theme each year, with 2018 serving as the “Year of Vital Neighborhoods” in Cleveland. The 2018 Summit is also special because it is the last one before June 22, 2019 – the 50th anniversary of the infamous Cuyahoga River fire. Among other items, the City will announce plans on a community-wide effort to advance clean water issues locally and nationally in 2019. The city and region have a unique opportunity next year to help redefine Cleveland’s narrative, share our ongoing sustainability progress and set the stage for future action.

*For more updates on the 2018 Sustainable Cleveland Summit, the City of Cleveland’s commitment to sustainability, or additional ways to create sustainable neighborhoods, visit Sustainable Cleveland at [www.sustainablecleveland.org](http://www.sustainablecleveland.org).*

### **About the City of Cleveland**

The City of Cleveland is committed to improving the quality of life for its residents by strengthening neighborhoods, delivering superior services, embracing diversity and making Cleveland a desirable, safe city in which to live, work, play, and do business. For more information on the City of Cleveland, visit online at [www.city.cleveland.oh.us](http://www.city.cleveland.oh.us), Twitter at @cityofcleveland or Facebook at [www.facebook.com/cityofcleveland](http://www.facebook.com/cityofcleveland)

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