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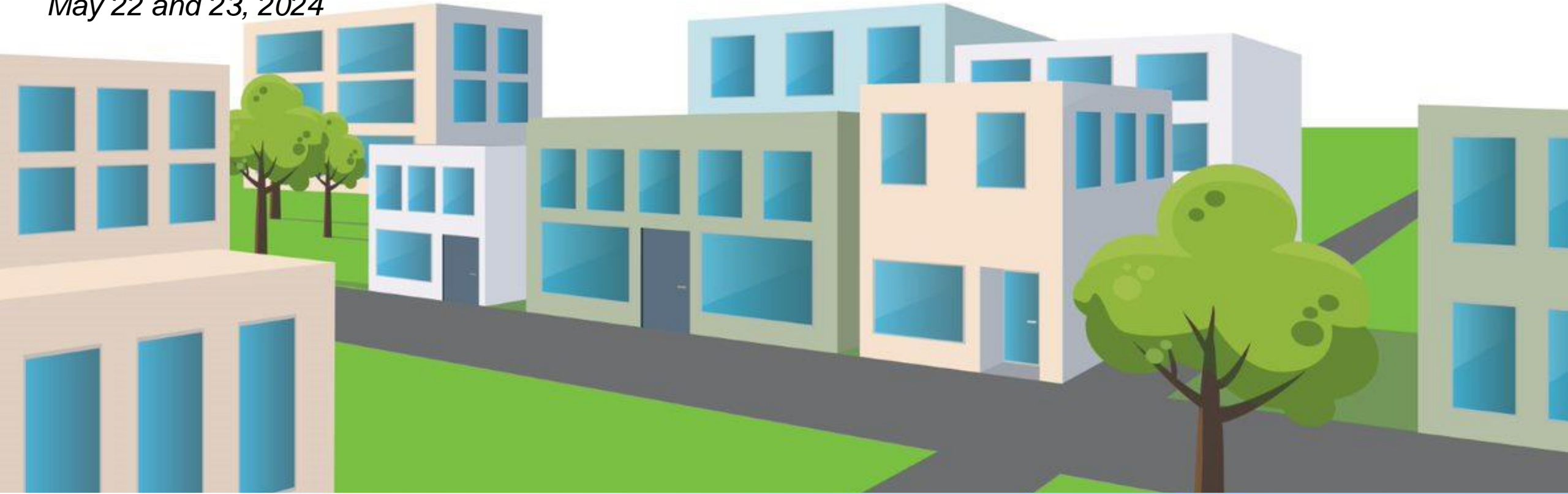
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# Good Energy Collective & University of Notre Dame

*Consent-based Siting Consortia – Quarterly Meeting #4*

*May 22 and 23, 2024*



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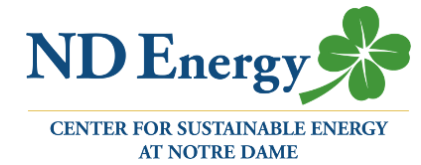


# Overall Project Progress

- Relationship and capacity building underway in several communities
  - Capacity building for Tribal engagement in progress
- Completed three trial workshops with partners at ND Energy on UND's campus
- Engagement activities in first research site underway
  - Community buy-in / research consent achieved
  - Two workshops held, four planned for early June 2024
  - State-level engagement underway



# Key Developments



- Completed three trial workshops with students and local community members at the University of Notre Dame
- IRB approved at University of Notre Dame
- Community 1: Jackson, Wyoming
  - Affluent, politically engaged community
  - Two workshops held in February 2024
  - Four workshops planned for early June 2024, including two workshops in Spanish for low-English proficiency (LEP) participants (more in further slides)
- Initial outreach and relationship building underway in two other communities



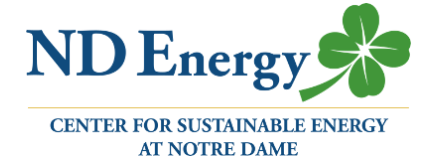
# Key Observations



- Accessibility and education are important for community members to be able to contribute meaningfully to the discussion
  - Simplifying presentation slides, visual aids, other styles of learning were well received
- Participants were most concerned with public health & safety
  - Technical experts (e.g., UND) were helpful to reinforce nuclear safety and answer FAQs
- Participants spent most of the time on community benefits vs risk
- Grounding discussions in concrete examples and case studies may lead to more interesting takeaways



# Engagement



- First community: Jackson, Wyoming
  - Workshop location: Teton County Public Library
  - Two separate 3 hour workshops held (Thursday evening and Saturday Afternoon) to accommodate varied schedules
  - Snowball sampling to find participants
  - Upcoming workshops follow similar structure, informed by lessons learned from first round
    - LEP workshop will be held in Spanish by trained facilitators & supervised by Good Energy
    - Second Round Workshops for original “cohort” are more in-depth on specific topics
- Compensation provided via prepaid debit card
  - Physical and virtual debit card options based on community member preference
- Initial outreach underway in two other geographically and socioeconomically diverse communities



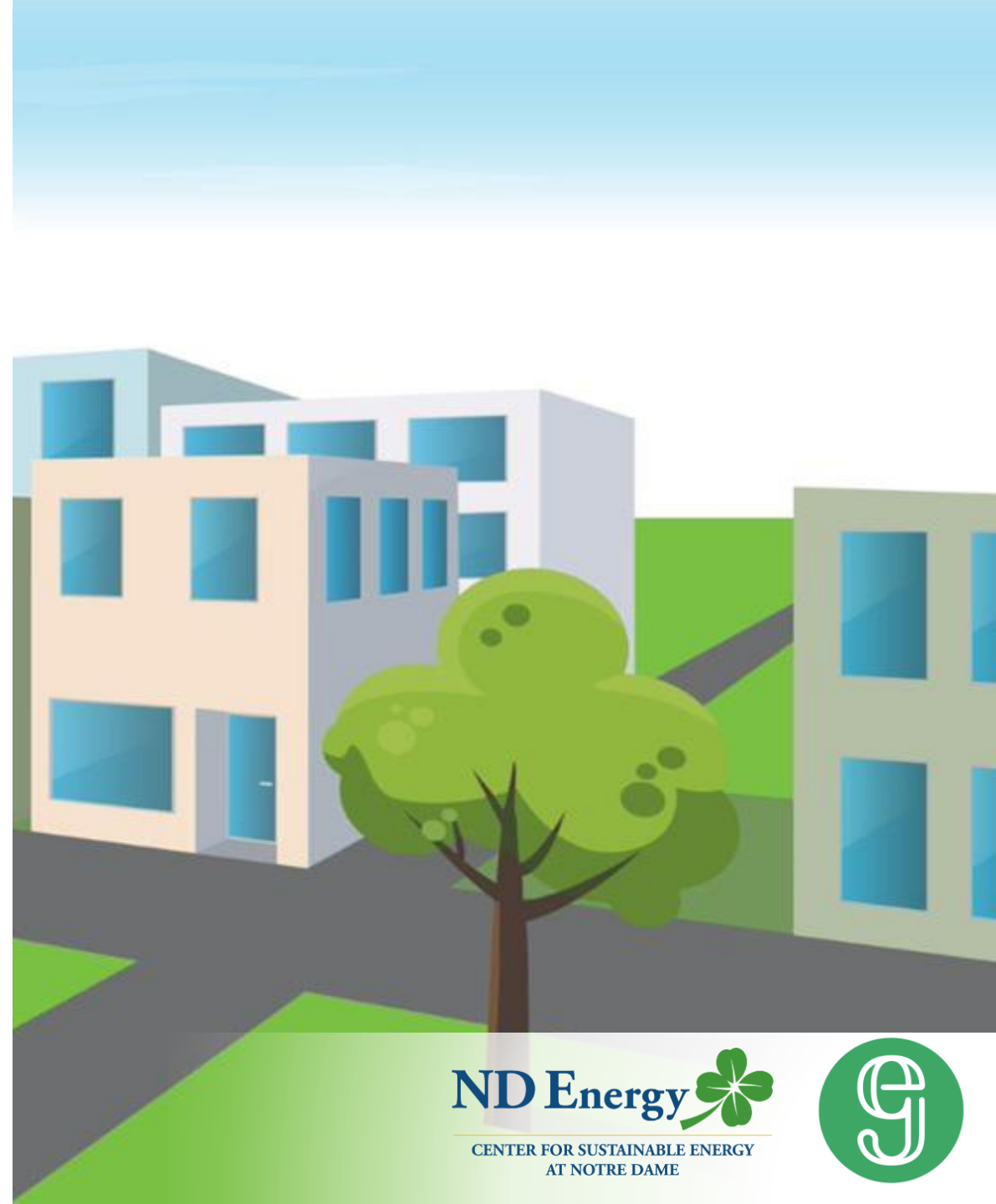
# Engagement Details

What is the engagement?	Date	Location	Brief description	# of Participants
<i>Introductory workshop</i>	<i>Feb 22</i>	<i>Jackson, WY</i>	<i>Paid community workshop introducing consent-based nuclear waste siting</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>Introductory workshop</i>	<i>Feb 24</i>	<i>Jackson, WY</i>	<i>Paid community workshop introducing consent-based nuclear waste siting</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>Follow-up focus group</i>	<i>June 1</i>	<i>Jackson, WY</i>	<i>Paid focus group on consent-based decision making</i>	<i>~5-10</i>
<i>Follow-up focus group</i>	<i>June 1</i>	<i>Jackson, WY</i>	<i>Paid focus group on economic &amp; environmental justice impacts</i>	<i>~5-10</i>
<i>LEP workshop</i>	<i>June 2</i>	<i>Jackson, WY</i>	<i>Paid Spanish-language community workshop introducing nuclear waste siting</i>	<i>~5-10</i>
<i>LEP workshop</i>	<i>June 3</i>	<i>Jackson, WY</i>	<i>Paid Spanish-language community workshop introducing nuclear waste siting</i>	<i>~5-10</i>



# Next Steps

- Host second round of workshops in Jackson, Wyoming from June 1-3
- Prepare for third (and final) round of workshops in Jackson, WY in summer 2024
- Continue outreach for two additional research sites





# THANK YOU

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