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Consent-based Siting Consortia – Quarterly Meeting #4

May 22 and 23, 2024





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



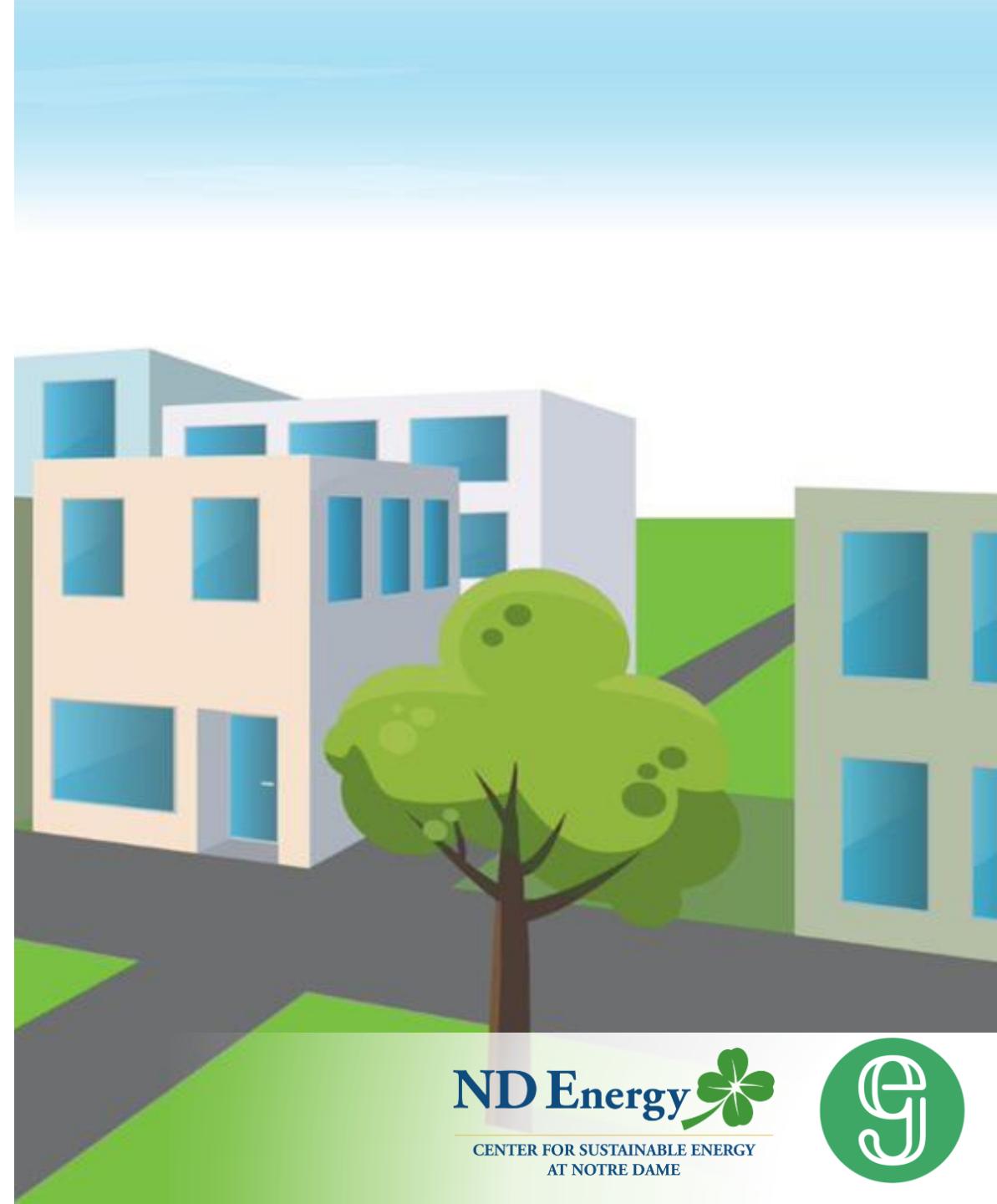
- First community: Jackson, Wyoming
 - Workshop location: Teton County Public Library
 - Two separate 3 hour workshops held (Thursday evening and Saturday Afternoon) to accommodate varied schedules
 - Snowball sampling to find participants
 - Upcoming workshops follow similar structure, informed by lessons 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
Introductory workshop	Feb 22	Jackson, WY	<i>Paid community workshop introducing consent-based nuclear waste siting</i>	21
Introductory workshop	Feb 24	Jackson, WY	<i>Paid community workshop introducing consent-based nuclear waste siting</i>	19
Follow-up focus group	June 1	Jackson, WY	<i>Paid focus group on consent-based decision making</i>	~5-10
Follow-up focus group	June 1	Jackson, WY	<i>Paid focus group on economic & environmental justice impacts</i>	~5-10
LEP workshop	June 2	Jackson, WY	<i>Paid Spanish-language community workshop introducing nuclear waste siting</i>	~5-10
LEP workshop	June 3	Jackson, WY	<i>Paid Spanish-language community workshop introducing nuclear waste siting</i>	~5-10

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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