Dear Binghamton Friends,

We are writing to request your participation in a Rust2Green Evaluation. This evaluation is asking YOU—in your role as a local Binghamton citizen, partner, agency, governmental rep, non-profit, etc.—to voice your view regarding the various community outcomes produced by R2G Binghamton projects, collaborations, and networking over the past 5 years. Simply put, we are inviting you to say how R2G Binghamton has affected, influenced or changed you and the Binghamton community. Your input will help us understand R2G Binghamton’s impact in the community, and will be used to help determine how to best move forward engaging Cornell and Binghamton collaboratively in future community-development efforts.

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R2G Binghamton’s Story in short

Rust2Green began in Utica in 2010. R2G Binghamton’s story began in 2014 when it launched with the Living with Water Project, becoming the 2nd collaborative university-community partnership emerging from Cornell’s Rust2Green Action Research Initiative. R2G Binghamton continues to be an emerging community-university network, with Cornell faculty, students, and local partners working together, generating shared knowledge, and identifying opportunities to transform local problems into opportunities, and obstacles into assets supporting the local community development agenda. Collaboratively, we are designing innovative strategies and solutions for addressing the unique problems and needs critical to Binghamton related to flood resiliency, decision-making, and climate change. Living with Water research, projects, and events have unfolded; Cornell students have been working with the community and in City Hall; and research outcomes are shaping changes on the ground and in local policy. Additionally, Cornell’s engagement and investment in Binghamton continues as new projects emerge building on and growing from Living with Water.

Please Participate and Provide your Voice!

In the spirit of the way R2G Binghamton works, this evaluation is being co-led by a Binghamton - Cornell collaborative team, and is PARTICIPATORY. We need your input, and hope you will freely tell us how R2G Binghamton has affected you and your community. Any and all responses are welcome and informative. Every voice counts. But, remember too, that your participation is voluntary and anonymous - there’s no personal information being collected with the brainstorming phase of the evaluation.

An unlimited number of people are welcome to be part of this brainstorming, so please feel free to invite others (in your network, organization, community, neighborhood, family, etc.) to participate.

Best wishes,

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