SMHEC Link and Leverage has...

- Hosted 5 events in 2019 so far
- A diverse network with two distinct regions
- Including over 1000 subscribers
- With a collective >200 people in attendance
In 2014, the South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium (SMHEC) through their sustainability task-force, brought together community leaders in the Chicago south-land region with a simple mission in mind: **to link and leverage resources in the region to make the Chicago south-land the greenest and most resilient region.**

In May 2016, Link and Leverage decided to focus its efforts on 3 sub-regions to jump-start progress: **Western Will County, Village of Alsip, and the Prairie State Region.**
Evolved from the Prairie State sub-region

Launched at Growing Sustainability Communities Together Conference in February of 2019

711 subscribed to our mailing list

over 82 in attendance for events as of May 2019

Hosts quarterly speaker series throughout the year
Alsip Region

- over 70 individuals subscribed to mailing list
- Annual recycling fair partnered with The Alsip Chamber Craft Expo and Resource Fair
- Working on a rebranding of the group
Evolved from the Western Will County Sub-region

Launched at Greentown Will County in October of 2018

277 subscribed to mailing list

Quarterly energy events

Over 70 in attendance for events as of May 2019

Several Sub-committees including Energy, Water, and Local Foods