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To: Members of the Southeast Sustainability Directors Network

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The Southeast Sustainability Directors Network (SSDN) formed in 2012 when southeastern city and county professionals came together to explore what a network model could do to advance sustainability in the region. Modeled after best practices in network development, SSDN emerged as a regional Partner Network of the Urban Sustainability Directors Network (USDN), hoping to provide regional context to best practices in addressing climate change.

SSDN is pleased to announce that it will be fiscally sponsored by USDN starting February 1, 2020. Through fiscal sponsorship, SSDN will become a project of USDN. SSDN will use this opportunity to better align with USDN and other partners to help scale sustainability best practices work happening in the South. As a project of USDN, SSDN also seeks to further develop network governance and strategy best practices, and develop stronger communications and relationships among USDN and the ten other regional Partner Networks.

Since 2016, SSDN has been fiscally sponsored by, and a project of, Global Philanthropy Partnership (GPP), a nonprofit organization based in Chicago. GPP has been an invaluable resource and partner over the past three years. SSDN thanks GPP's Board of Directors and April Donnellan, GPP's Executive Director, for the service, guidance, and expertise that she has provided to the network.

January 31, 2020 will be the final day of fiscal sponsorship with GPP.

February 1, 2020 will be the first day of fiscal sponsorship with USDN.

Members of SSDN should note that the new fiscal sponsorship agreement with USDN does mean that USDN membership is now included with SSDN member dues. The two entities will remain separate in terms of dues payments, annual meeting participation and other benefits autonomous to each network. SSDN members will continue to have limited access to USDN's robust website, and other unique opportunities to align and connect with USDN via SSDN.

Members who **have not paid 2020 SSDN member dues by January 31, 2020 will receive a new invoice from USDN that will request payment by February 29, 2020.** Questions about membership or about setting up USDN in purchasing systems can be directed to Vanessa King at vanessa@southeastsdn.org.

To learn more about SSDN and USDN, visit www.southeastsdn.org and www.usdn.org. Questions about this transition can be directed to Meg Jamison at meg@southeastsdn.org.

Happy New Year!