



**CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS APPLICATION  
FOR  
CLIMATE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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**Personal Information:**

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Employer: Owner - Wood Works Homes	Evening Phone: [Redacted]
Occupation: Sustainable Design & Building Contractor	E-Mail: [Redacted]

Do you have special qualifications that you feel would help you be particularly effective on a committee of this nature? (i.e. work experience, volunteer experience, education, hobbies, etc?)

From education and work I have 20 years of knowledge in sustainable technologies, buildings and infrastructure. As a profession, I own a sustainable design+build company that specializes in advanced low energy/carbon buildings and building technologies. Advanced knowledge in building modeling, design, and cost-sustainability optimization. Additionally I started the ENHABIT institute for sustainable building research in 2023 and have hosted a sustainable design+build conference in Grand Rapids in 2023/24 with plans to continue and expand in the future. I also serve on the Clean Energy Resource Teams NE steering committee and advise other efforts in advancing code and legislation aimed at decarbonization and energy efficiency.

How did you become interested in serving on this committee?

Bill Schnell informed me it was forming, and thought I could be an asset to help advance the committee's goals in an effective way. I thought I could help mitigate costs and maximize the carbon and energy reductions with my background and experience. Practicing in the field, I am acutely aware of the financial and technological bottle necks and how to avoid these, as well as model practices that are emerging as leaders across the country.

