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SUSTAINABILITY, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

The City of Wausau's Sustainability, Energy and Environment Committee will be hosting a presentation to the community on **Wednesday, February 26 at 4:00 p.m. in the first floor Maple Room** of Wausau City Hall, 407 Grant Street. This presentation will be part of the committee's monthly meeting and is open to the public.

The speaker will be Nick Hylla, executive director of the Midwest Renewable Energy Association (MREA) based in Custer, Wisconsin. Hylla has a master's degree in natural resource management and works with the U.S. Department of Energy to further the use of solar energy. Hylla is planning to talk about programs for local governments and for residents such as the solar group buy program that Wausau has promoted for the past two years. This will also allow city residents and guests to learn more about alternative energy and energy efficiency.

"The city currently has no solar installations, but the water utility is considering adding solar panels to the new drinking water treatment plant that is in the early design stages", said Alderperson Patrick Peckham, a serving member of the committee. The Sustainability Committee desires to look at viable solar options for the future of Wausau.

Mayor Robert Mielke extends this invitation to all leaders and officials within Marathon County and the surrounding community. The City of Wausau encourages the public to attend.