

Monroe County Climate Action Plan Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Monroe County Fleet Center / Zoom
July 10, 2023 (3:30 – 5:00 p.m.)
Drafted: July 25, 2023
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Members: Matthew O'Connor, Michael Yudelson, Akilah Skerrette-Banister, Sean Delehanty, Richard Milne, Anna Yatteau,

Absent: John Botelho

Staff: Clement Chung, Madison Quinn, Pat Gooch

Guests: Molly Gaudioso, John Steinmetz, and Tom Robinson (from Bergmann); Loretta Morrell, Federation of Monroe County Environmentalists & Color Greece Green

Attending via Zoom: Kathryn Walker, Lola DeAscentiis, Alden Smith, Mike Garland; Lena DeSantis, Emily Manuel, Cooper Gottfried, and Josh Bartlett from Anchor QEA;

Welcome, Introduction and Announcements (Co-Chair O'Connor):

Meeting called to order at 3:35 P.M. by Co-Chair O'Connor.

Approval of Minutes (Co-Chair Yudelson):

Motion by Matthew O'Connor to approve minutes from June 5, 2023 meeting; seconded by Michael Yudelson. The motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Update (Legislators Yudelson, Delehanty and Milne):

Tomorrow: lighting project up for approval as part of the \$1M allocation

Circularity 2023 Briefing (Walker)

- International conference on the circular economy reduce reuse recycle repair refurbish, recycling; Seattle hosted this year
- Global circularity dropped from 2018-2023 from 9.1% to 7.2%
- Work needed on supply chains, waste in manufacturing, new business models that include environmental & economic justice; 2nd & 3rd uses/right to repair legislation; extended producer responsibility and tracking & traceability technology – track the supplier to the waste stream and how we get where we need to be
- Program highlights included:
 - Dynamic green purchasing
 - Materials marketplace of online exchange for reuse – implemented in Austin, Seattle, and more;
 - Textile policy/textile end of life
 - Deconstruction: Seattle has a new deconstruction employee full time and a requirement to deconstruct and reuse construction & demolition materials; San Antonio, TX has a very progressive deconstructive policy
- Circularity will be in Chicago in 2024, more info at: <https://www.greenbiz.com/events/circularity/2023>

Climate Action Plan Phase II Update (Presentations by Molly Gaudioso (Bergmann) and Josh Bartlett (Anchor QEA), followed by discussion):

1. Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory Data

Phase II Emissions Inventory covering Scope 3 community emissions preliminary results were shared.

Scope 3 Major Sources:

- Energy – Electricity Use, by sector; Fuel Combustion, by sector; Electricity Production; Transmission and Distribution
- Transportation – Cars and Trucks; Employee Commutes; Rail, Air, Marine; Off-road Equipment
- Water Supply
- Waste – Landfill; Recycling/Compost
- Agriculture, Forestry, and Land Use – Land Use Changes; Agriculture: Livestock/Fertilizer
- Process and Fugitive – HVAC and Refrigeration; Industrial Process Emissions
- Consumption – Food, services, construction materials, other goods

Early Results – emissions by sector; Anchor QEA team is entering data into the ICLEI ClearPath model. Source data evaluations are still underway.

Scope 1 and 2 are 45,000 metric tonnes of emissions; Scope 3 is about 4.5 million metric tonnes for the community;

Electric & transportation are huge – breaking down as expected, but caveat that this is still preliminary; Industrial and Agricultural inputs are yet to be added in; still gathering point source data from industrial outputs; Energy will still be a bigger component even when you get the industrial sources included.

Fugitive emissions include nonpoint source emissions or those from leaks, rather than from a point sources. This can include hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs), refrigerants that come out of vehicles' AC, or methane from a landfill gas capture system.

2. Public Workshop #2

Preparations are underway for the July 26 Public Workshop to present findings of the GHG inventory and the goal framework; share what we know and ask for public input on what actions should happen.

12pm virtual presentation and Q&A, and 6pm in-person event at Monroe Community College Brighton Campus. Virtual presentation will be recorded and online engagement will be available after the meeting.

• Interim Public Input Summaries

- Ideas Wall Summary – snapshot documents to compile this information;
- Summarized the information responses from March 15 to June 23 – over 694 unique visitors; commenting, liking, replying, etc.; 1900+ visits; 215 comments total
- Comments and replies by category with a column for likes and dislikes; some very engaged people and great ideas/food for thought
- Summaries feature the top 2 “up-voted comments” for each category
- Largest comments 27% on transportation; followed by Buildings/Housing; Engagement across the 6 sectors
 - Benefit to connecting with the County’s Active Transportation Plan; one of the largest sectors; very helpful; not a lot of surprises (reducing use of cars for single passengers); improvements from Active Transportation Plan – more biking, etc.
- Composting the primary topic of conversation for reducing food waste sent to landfills

• Goal & Strategy Approach– internal discussions began; preliminary thoughts

- Focus on sectors with direct county actions; include recommendations to support future actions/partnerships; similar to tiers of actions in Phase I
- Other guidance: examples of what others are doing successfully; best practices for the public & other organizations; funding opportunities
- Discussion of looking for outside funding opportunities; economic opportunity is a big part of sustainability too – green economy-based industries and multifaceted benefits

3. Google Drive Resources – Molly reviewed the information in the Monroe County CAP Google Drive to show committee members where various resources are saved

- Advertising Material
- Committee Meeting Slides
- Pop-up Events & info Materials
- Public Input Summaries
- Stakeholder Resources
- Coming Soon: Talking points

4. Next Steps

Committee:

- Spread the word about the public meeting to your own network
- Review public input summaries (Molly will email out after this meeting)
- Review stakeholder & pop-up event opportunities – committee members are encouraged to sign up for pop-up events and contact Madison Quinn or Pat Gooch after signing up to arrange for pickup of tabling materials

Consultant team:

- Assemble talking points document for use with public outreach
- Preparations for Public Meeting #2 on July 26
- GHG inventory report will be developed
- Basics of the goal/strategy framework will be further developed

New Business: None

Public Forum:

No comments or requests to speak were received.

Next meeting: Monday, August 7, 2023 at 3:30pm in-person at the Monroe County Fleet Center Building 1 Conference Room. Changes or updates to the meeting venue will be communicated to the committee via email.

Motion to adjourn by Richard Milne; second by Matthew O'Connor. Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.