

Monroe County Climate Action Plan Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Monroe County Fleet Center / Zoom
September 11, 2023 (3:30 – 5:00 p.m.)
Drafted: September 22, 2023
Approved: October 2, 2023

Members: Matthew O'Connor, Michael Yudelson, Sean Delehanty, Kathryn Walker, Akilah Skerrette-Banister, John Botelho

Absent: Richard Milne, Mike Garland

Staff: Clement Chung, Madison Quinn, Pat Gooch, Joe Vankerkhove

Guests:

Attending via Zoom: Alden Smith; Lola DeAscentiis; Anna Yatteau; Molly Gaudioso and Tom Robinson, Bergmann; Loretta Morrell, Federation of Monroe County Environmentalists & Color Greece Green; Rachel Scudder and Jenny Loewenstein, Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council

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

Meeting called to order at 3:41 P.M. by Co-Chair O'Connor.

Approval of Minutes (Co-Chair Yudelson):

Motion by Matthew O'Connor to approve minutes from August 7, 2023 meeting; seconded by Kathryn Walker. The motion carried unanimously.

Legislative Update (Legislators Yudelson, Delehanty and Milne):

Monroe County/Town of Pittsford Food Scraps Collection Pilot Program (Referral 23-0239) passed 28-1, bipartisan support

Tomorrow Full Legislature – Referral 23-0266 – Climate Smart Communities (CSC) grant acceptance for Climate Vulnerability Assessment/Climate Adaptation Plan; whereas CAP focuses on mitigation, the Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan (CARP) will focus on resilience/adaption; passed through August committees

Climate Action Plan Phase II Update (Presentation by Molly Gaudioso, Bergmann):

1. GHG Inventory Highlights (written report forthcoming ahead of next meeting)

- Community-wide includes Scope 3 Emissions:
 - **Energy** – Electricity use, by sector; fuel combustion, by sector; electricity production; transmission and distribution
 - **Transportation** – Cars/trucks; rail/air/marine (verifying); off-road equipment
 - **Water Supply**
 - **Waste** – Landfill, recycling/compost
 - **Agriculture, Forestry, & Land Use** – Land use changes; agriculture (livestock/fertilizer)
 - **Process & Fugitive** – HVAC & refrigeration; industrial process emissions
 - **Consumption** – Food, services, construction materials, other goods
- Largest sector: transportation/mobile sources, 36.64%; followed by industrial and residential energy
- Benchmarking against other counties – Erie, Cayahoga, Ulster

2. Draft Plan Outline & Preliminary Action Plan –

- Build off Phase I with References & Connections
 - Follow Similar Flow of Topics
 - Clarify Guiding Role of Phase II CAP – County Support, Not a Mandate!
- Phase II. Prelim Outline
 - 1. Introduction, Plan Intent, & Relationship to Other Plans
 - 2. Community-wide Climate Context
 - 3. Phase II Focus Areas
 - 4. GHG Inventory
 - 5. Climate Action Goals &
- Strategies
 - 6. Conclusion
- Action Plan – a working document
 - Compile/refine actions provided by public; potential actions from benchmark plans; identify potential direct vs. indirect County actions; timeframes, potential impacts, lead departments, relevant stakeholders/partners, funding opportunities, resources, etc.; prioritize by balancing public input, impact, etc.; narrative, cost estimates, and impact assessments for key and/or priority actions will be provided

3. Public Outreach Updates

- **Planned stakeholder engagement** – Megaphone groups promotion request & action plan work sessions
- **Survey**
 - 294 respondents as of 9/11/23, gender and age distribution improved, but still lacking under age 25, respondents 85% white; greater zip code representation in eastern Monroe County

4. Schedule

- Sept 18th – Draft GHG Report
- Sept 22nd – Goals Survey Closes
- Sept 29th – Survey/PM #2 Input Summary
- Sept & Oct
 - Stakeholder Engagement on Goals/Action Plan
 - Refinement of Goals/Action Plan
- Target Oct 30th – Preliminary CAP Document; aim to finalize Phase II CAP by end of year, refer to legislature in Q1 2024

5. Next Steps

Committee:

- Help advertise the Goals/Actions survey
- Review Draft Plan Outline & Goal Statements
 - Comments by 9/22
- Review GHG Inventory Report (forthcoming)
 - Comments by 10/6
- Review/update popup tracking document on Google Drive as necessary – tab added for speaking opportunities

Consultant team:

- Connect with stakeholder groups
- Further refine & develop Action Plans
- Begin pulling together Draft Plan Sections

New Business: None

Public Forum: None

Next meeting: Monday, October 2, 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 Sean Delehanty; second by Michael Yudelson. Meeting adjourned at 4:57 pm.