

# MINUTES NYACK CLIMATE SMART COMMITTEE MEETING

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## I. QUICK UPDATES

*New Leadership and Meeting Organization:* Meagan Ciolino will now lead the Transportation Group. Marcy will lead Waste/Materials Management, and Steve will lead Energy. They will take turns leading the monthly meetings, focusing on their particular area.

*Adaptation Plan Project:* Marcy will hold a workshop to gather input from key stakeholders on Feb. 12. A postcard announcing the public survey and the public workshop to be held at Nyack Center on March 24th at 7 p.m. will go to all residents in 10960.

## II. MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

We focused the meeting on a discussion of the goals and strategies for waste reduction, mainly by increasing food waste and regular recycling.

*Goal – Reduce Trash Pick Up to One Day Per Week*

Eventually go to one day per week trash pick up when the amount of trash is reduced enough to make it feasible. We would need to determine what this amount is.

*Goal – Establish Curbside Pick Up Program for Food Waste*

Start with a voluntary pilot and aim for village-wide program

### ***Discussion–***

*Outreach* We should do more outreach about the food waste program and recycling. Door hangers are good. Note that Orangetown now offers free the storage bins for free.

Actions :

- Yvonne and Marcy to meet to draft a message for a door hanger to encourage residents to recycle and use the food scrap dropoff.
- Plan to have materials for outreach at the EV charger ribbon-cutting event in May.
- Create messages for Nyack Village newsletter highlighting different aspects of food scrap program to help keep generating interest and participation.

*Dumpster and Hauling* DPW needs a small dumpster to make it easier to handle the material. Andy will find out how much it would cost, and see if Rockland Green will provide it. Nyack could possibly buy it and/or get a grant. DPW now hauls Nyack's food scraps to Hillburn. The load is weighed, so there will be data reports that we can use for tracking and goal-setting.

Action: Find out about dumpster cost and options for paying.

*Curbside Pickup* If we want to start offering a voluntary curbside program, how many participants would there need to be? What are the logistics? Could it start as a pilot in one part of the village with the drop-off location still maintained as is? Where would the material go?

**Next Meeting March 4, 2025 5:30 p.m.**