

Nyack Sustainability Committee

Meeting Meeting June 24, 2019

Attending: Gini Stolldorf, Alan Englander, Tamar MacCallan-Finkelman, David Clover, Dave Zornow, Liz McGrory, Joel Newton, Lorien Barlow, Ellie Horowitz

1. Nyack 2030 Plan Community Outreach Strategy and Grant Opportunity

The **Climate Action Plan** project will be expanded and include more outreach and coalition-building. A good example of this is the **Bedford 2020 Plan**, which started with the CAP and has continued in the ensuing years with strong support from various sectors of the community. For initial outreach for our community partners, we can offer an **Action Toolkit**, an accessible and informative menu of actions people can take on. The committee members will start to create this toolkit by contributing info to the chart of residential actions that we looked at in the meeting, which is available in the [google folder](#).

We will submit an application for a grant for a robust outreach and education portion of the CAP project later in July. Grant awards are announced in December, and contracts will be final by next March. Our workplan and timeline will be designed to work with or without the funding.

We discussed the need for branding with a long-term vision (2030) and still having a near-term focus to engage and reward success for short term actions.

Outreach to community leaders will start in July. Marcy is working on language for a letter and trying to find pathways for in-person meetings which would be better than a letter.

2. **Residential Energy Efficiency** The NYSERDA outreach coordinator for energy efficiency programs in our area can meet with a group of people this summer to introduce the programs and help us plan for a workshop in the fall. We need to hear from those who can work on this project.
3. **Plastic bag law and campaign** Joel volunteered to take on some the work for the next stages of the Plastic bag campaign and discussion locally about the fee option for the NYS law.
4. **Complete Streets Workshop.** There will be funding for a Complete Streets* Workshop in the fall. Rob Panzera will be helping to organize it among the Nyack Villages.
5. **Communication**
 - Discussion of need for more communications from Marcy and among the team.
 - Possibly Google Site as a platform (update—"Slack" might be better)
 - Marcy will be sending more frequent emails and will make a commitment to getting message out twice a month on the Village website.
6. **Refrigerants** Marcy reported about ongoing research and discussions regarding refrigerant leakage and what can be done. Nyack should come up with targeted outreach to residents about AC leakage and disposal (car and room ac) and refrigerator disposal.
7. **Community Choice Aggregation** VB selected Joule Community Power as admin.
8. **Mass Transit** Recap of meeting at RC. Discussion of system that enables riders to link the last mile between bus stop and home by subsidized Lyft or Uber rides.
9. **Electric Vehicles** We'll check to see whether John Stolldorf will be our EV expert (for vehicles, policies and programs). Update: He says he's interested!

10. Next Meeting and meeting duration

We will see if the last Monday at 4:30 will be a good fit for most members. Two hours is a good duration.

* Complete Streets is a concept that supports multi-modal (not just motor vehicle) transportation. Complete Streets are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities. They have physical features like bumpouts, crosswalks, bike lanes, traffic signals, and the rules and laws that apply to them consider the needs of all users.