

Nyack Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2019

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NYACK 2030 OVERVIEW Initiative to create a Climate Action Plan and Community Coalition to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for the impacts of Climate Change.

For examples see [Bedford 2020](#) and [Dobbs Ferry Climate Action Plan](#).

a. 2030 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN--What's included?

i. Emissions Sectors

1. Transportation
2. Energy
3. Waste/Recycling Management
4. Land and Water Resources

ii. Adaptation Issues

1. Increased Flooding
2. Extreme Weather (Heat and Storms)

b. 2030 COALITION--Who's included?

i. Community Sectors

1. Village of Nyack: Officials, staff, committees, boards and commissions
2. Upper and South Nyack Sustainability Teams
3. Schools NPS, Lamont, Nyack Center, Head Start...
4. Religious
5. Business
6. Civic
7. Arts

c. ORGANIZATION--Who will do the work?

- i. Sustainability Coordinator** Nyack's consultant to coordinate all aspects and develop the plan..
- ii. Sustainability Committee** Committed members of the current group to organize the work of creating the coalition of community partners and coordinating ongoing work.
- iii. Community Partners:** Groups and individuals loosely organized to support each other and collaborate on climate action projects.
- iv. Climate Action Plan Steering Committee** -- Small group of community stakeholders to develop Climate Action Plan in 2020.

2. SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE PROJECT ORGANIZATION

a. **Sustainability Coordinator** Organizes Sustainability Committee, CAP Steering Committee and develops Climate Action Plan.

b. Sustainability Committee

Key members to head working groups and participate in CAP Steering Committee

i. Working Groups

1. **Transportation:** *Complete Streets and Bike/Walk; Mass Transit (Bus/train/car/ferry)*

a. Leader: Dave Zornow [Rob, Kathy, Alan, Lorian, John Stollendorf]

2. **Energy:** *Municipal, Residential, Commercial Energy Efficiency and Conservation; Alternative Energy*

a. [John Furlow, Ellie, Rosemary]

3. **Waste Management:** *Reduction/reuse; Recycling; Composting*

a. [Joel, Kathy, Maria, Gini]

4. **Land and Water:** *Leaves and lawn; Green Infrastructure; Native Plants/Biodiversity; Waterfront; Nyack Water Department* [Lorian, Dana, JC Brotherhood, Bob Galvin]

5. **Adaptation:** *Climate Smart Resilience--Emergency Planning*

a. Jim Politi, Bob Galvin

ii. Other Roles

1. Secretary -- Liz McGrory

2. Researchers Janine Reiman, Rosemary Farrel

3. Writer/Editor Rosemary Farrel, Marcy Denker and others.
Discussion of regular contributions to Earth Matters in Nyack News and Views. We can work with student writers too.

4. Project Assistant (help organize events, tabling, etc.) Gini Stollendorf and others.

c. **Google Folder** is accessible to the team. Organized by Emissions Sectors and Adaptation Issues

3. EVENTS

a. **Great Nyack Get Together: September 14 Noon to 4 Nyack Memorial Park**

i. Table and Activity

ii. Electric Vehicles? [National Drive Electric Week](#)

b. **Complete Streets Workshop** September 26 9-4 RCC Culinary School

c. **Pollinator Pathway Project Kickoff** Sept. 28 10-5 Drop in Nyack Community Garden

- d. **Halloween Idea to have committee members promote involvement in the parade and/or student Halloween windows--**No one stepped up.
- e. **Home Energy Efficiency Workshop** October 28 6:30-8:00 Nyack Library
- f. Marcy has made contacts with Rockland Gardens and will seek help bringing people out from various types of housing. Suggested that Rosemary call for an audit since she expressed interest. Important to bring people in who have had experience with the programs.
- g. **Nyack 2030 Get Together** November 13 6:30-8:30 Nyack Library
- h. Event for the folks in the new 2030 Climate Coalition to hear from each other about what they are doing and start to brainstorm. More on the structure of this event to come.
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4. UPDATES/REPORTS

- a. **Waste Management--Plastics and schools connection:** Joel is developing ideas for a single use plastics initiative building on the BYOBag project. John Furlow--interested in composting/food waste
- b. **Landscape--Pollinator/Native Plantings:** Dana Harkrider presented new project for promoting pollinator gardens on public and private property. Kick off event in September (see list above)
- c. **Concrete** Janine has started research on concrete with less global warming impact (with alternatives to some of the Portland cement). Need to find out what local suppliers sell and if Village should/would be willing to specify a lower impact product. Need to hear from Village Engineer, suppliers.
- d. **Transportation--Complete Streets** Dave and Rob have organized the workshop and outreach to get municipal leaders, land use board members, cyclists, local business people and others out to this workshop.
- e. **County Resolution-Open Space** Marcy will ask the Village Board about providing a letter of support.
- f. **Communication-Earth Matters--**Dave reported that Susan Hellauer will no longer write Earth Matters, as she will be devoting time to getting the vote out in PA in the coming year. Dave is lining up regular contributors for this weekly column.
- g. **Climate Solutions Summit**
Date: Saturday, September 21, 2019
Time: 9:00am – 4:00pm
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