

**Monroe County Climate Action Plan Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Monroe County Fleet Center / Zoom**  
**November 13, 2023 (3:30 – 5:00 p.m.)**  
**Drafted: November 21, 2023**  
**Approved: January 8, 2024**

**Members:** Matthew O'Connor (Co-Chairperson), Michael Yudelson (Co-Chairperson); John Botelho, Sean Delehanty, Richard Milne, Kathryn Walker

**Absent:** Michael Garland;

**Staff:** Clement Chung, Madison Quinn, Pat Gooch

**Guests:** N/A

**Attending via Zoom:** Akilah Skerrette-Banister; Lola DeAscentiis; Alden Smith; Anna Yatteau; Molly Gaudio, Colliers Engineering and Design; Loretta Morrell, Federation of Monroe County Environmentalists & Color Greece Green; Jenny Loewenstein, Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council; Victoria Zelin-Cloud, Possible Rochester

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

Meeting called to order at 3:39 P.M. by Co-Chair O'Connor.

**Approval of Minutes (Co-Chair Yudelson):**

Motion by Matt O'Connor to approve minutes from October 2, 2023 meeting; seconded by Kate Walker. The motion carried unanimously.

**Legislative Update (Legislators Yudelson, Delehanty and Milne):**

Thanked Sean Delehanty for his service. Committee will get a new member appointed by the President of the Legislature after new President is selected. Likely to conclude the committee's work in Q1 2024.

All 500 buckets in Pittsford Food Scraps Pilot reserved &/or picked up by residents.

**Climate Action Plan Phase II Update (Presentation by Molly Gaudio, Colliers Engineering and Design):**

**1. Schedule Updates**

- Nov/Dec:
  - Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory & Business As Usual (BAU) Forecast in draft doc format
  - Goals & Action Plan Workbook Refinement
- Jan/Feb
  - Begin re-engaging stakeholders
  - Continue Draft Doc Development
- March 2024
  - Public meeting #1
  - Revised draft

**2. GHG Inventory & BAU Forecast**

- Scope 3 sources – what should the county be focusing on to achieve reduction targets
- 8,374,961 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e
- 41% Transportation (65% passenger vehicles)
- ~40% when combining Commercial + Industrial + Residential Energy
- BAU Forecast – most impact on Transportation, Energy, and process/fugitive emissions – sectors impacted by CLCPA
- --- Question about EV charging – may move GHG from transportation to electricity use sector; no issue if not double counting
- BAU reduction in Phase II is not making as big an impact (32% instead of about 56% in Phase I)
- Comparison to other communities?
  - Similar in Erie County
  - Cuyahoga – much smaller (24%) in transportation; 1.24M population (more public transit)
  - Ulster County – smaller total C footprint, but much larger per capita (rural)  
(Question: total VMT – is it more than us because they're very rural)

**3. Public Input Summary – Goals Survey Results**

- Preliminary draft sent to CAPAC
- Survey responses: 652 to date
  - Closed survey, gift card winners being selected, sent before Thanksgiving holiday
- Not as diverse as desired, but will inform future implementation of public engagement
  - Low representation for ages below 25
  - 84% white; 4.6% black/African American; 3.83% Hispanic/Latinx/Spanish origin
  - Zip codes: responses from almost every zip code in the county, but also some outside the county in the finger lakes area... much higher response rate in the north east of the county
- All feedback included in report sent to committee... overall very supportive, and some feedback on things that we should be keeping an eye on – some will inform the upcoming adaptation and resilience planning
- Many comments on other sustainable policies not specifically GHG emissions related. All of these comments to be captured in appendix for possible use in Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan

#### 4. Next Steps

##### Committee:

- Feedback on draft GHG Inventory or BAU Forecast
- Feedback on Goals Survey responses

##### Consultant team:

- Provide ideas for public facing snapshot of draft plan
- Draft of Goal Workbook for circulation to committee
- “Meeting in a box” preparation to make for easy stakeholder engagement in January

##### Staff

- Madison Quinn to review what other counties did for the transition from planning to implementation (Erie, Ulster, Tompkins, etc.) for discussion at December meeting
- Draft – annual implementation progress report

#### Letter from Climate Solutions Accelerator

- Kate – Nothing shocking in this letter. Many things we’ve already heard from public outreach process and included in Goals Survey
- Lola – Should highlight scope of the committee and plan in response; that implementation will be another process; encourage them and other community members to stay active after the plan is produced
- Michael Yudelson – will the plan have a ranking of priorities? Clement Chung pointed to Phase I – there will be a prioritization with cost/time scale/impact; We will need to make clear the priorities may shift over time; range of activities with small and large options; we may change priorities when grant opportunities arise, Living document – it will change; insert some guidance on that
- Final Phase II CAP should reference other plans that intersect, i.e. Plan Forward, Active Transportation Plan, etc.

**New Business:** None

**Public Forum:** None

**Next meeting: Monday, December 4, 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 Rick Milne; second by Sean Delehanty. Meeting adjourned at 4:48 pm.