

Question Report

Topic
Monroe County Climate Action Plan Meeting - 12:00 p.m.

Actual Start Time # Question
7/26/2023 11:00

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#	Question	Asker Name	Answer	Answer Name	Answer Email
1	Will I have access to the recording I have another appointment	Richard Coddling	live answered	Madison Quinn	madisonquinn@monroecounty.gov
3	Mollwill we be able to see who's on? Am I on as apanelist? Rick Milne	Richard B Milne	Hi Rick, I can share the attendance list with you and the other CAP committee members after the meeting!	Madison Quinn	madisonquinn@monroecounty.gov
4	Can you give me the web page to access the recording thank you. Richard Coddling rcoddling123 @gmail.com Thankyou	Richard Coddling	We'll send out a follow up email to all attendees with the link!	Madison Quinn	madisonquinn@monroecounty.gov
6	Can you provide an address for email comments?	Linda Saalman	Please visit our webpage to submit an email through the contact form: https://www.monroecountyclimateaction.com/contact	Madison Quinn	madisonquinn@monroecounty.gov
18	is this were we can pose questions?	Evan Lowenstein	Yes, please add questions to the Q&A feature.	Patrick Gooch	patrickgooch@monroecounty.gov
19	Love the proposed bike network. Does the data include seasonality?	Lystra McCoy	The County's CATP (County-Wide Active Transportation Plan) does have a discussion of inclement weather and the challenges to active transportation that it may pose and some recommendations moving forward.	Patrick Gooch	patrickgooch@monroecounty.gov
21	Are you working with the Genesee Land Trust?	Madeline Schmitt	Yes, the County has connected with GLT about the Comprehensive Plan, CATP, and will with the Climate Action Plan as well.	Patrick Gooch	patrickgooch@monroecounty.gov
7	Who have you spoken with as stakeholders? What qualifies as a stakeholder?	George Hebert	live answered	Madison Quinn	madisonquinn@monroecounty.gov
9	Does agriculture include the GHG from the production of synthetic nitrogen fertilizer which is derived from natural gas or coal?	Elizabeth Henderson	live answered	Madison Quinn	madisonquinn@monroecounty.gov
10	What is the process of collecting emissions data?	Sadie Ruth	live answered	Madison Quinn	madisonquinn@monroecounty.gov
13	i.e. how often is the data updated and verified	Sadie Ruth	live answered	Madison Quinn	madisonquinn@monroecounty.gov
12	The Climate Solutions Accelerator study showed very different GHG from agriculture!	Elizabeth Henderson	live answered	Madison Quinn	madisonquinn@monroecounty.gov
22	Thanks Pat. My question - will the transportation focus of the plan also address the WAYS people drive, as well as how far they drive (VMT)? I ask this because my observation is that the majority of drivers operate their vehicles in inefficient ways (speed, acceleration, low tires, etc.) that result in enormous drops in fuel efficiency and higher emissions. For example, driving at 75 mph is I believe a whopping 30% less fuel efficient than 55 mph. (I also notice that many people who drive fast also complain about the price of gas, but that's another discussion :)	Evan Lowenstein	live answered	Madison Quinn	madisonquinn@monroecounty.gov
14	double check gasoline more efficient than diesel, I beleive diesel is more efficient	David Cross	live answered	Madison Quinn	madisonquinn@monroecounty.gov

15	Is the VMT figure annual? And that includes all county residents?	Alex Turner	live answered	Madison Quinn	madisonquinn@monroecounty.gov
8	What mechanism are you using to build a parallel plan to cope with the impacts of climate change that we will be unable to prevent?	Linda Saalman	live answered	Madison Quinn	madisonquinn@monroecounty.gov
16	Will the County's plan provide guidance to actions that individual towns can take?	Bill Smith	live answered	Madison Quinn	madisonquinn@monroecounty.gov
24	Seeking clarity - All these goals of the county's climate action plan will serve as /non-binding/ policy recommendations for municipalities?	Robert Cook	live answered	Madison Quinn	madisonquinn@monroecounty.gov
25	What kind of tree that is used to model the tree planting numbers? 36% of households rent (and can't plant trees) and most lot sizes don't support large trees.	Alex Turner	live answered	Madison Quinn	madisonquinn@monroecounty.gov
39	Has the county applied for Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Local governments can apply through January 31, 2024; however, all eligible entities that intend to apply must submit their Pre-Award Information Sheet by July 31, 2023. According to DOE, the application consists of only five yes or no questions, so it is not too late to start your application.	George Hebert	Yes, we are aware of this grant opportunity and are looking into applying for it, along with a number of other opportunities at the state and federal level.	Clement Chung	clementchung@monroecounty.gov
27	I hope you're able to take advantage of this opportunity! How are GG emissions calculated for air travel?	Antonius Chess	live answered	Madison Quinn	madisonquinn@monroecounty.gov
36	Rain events of multiple inches in under 24 hours. Where will that be addressed?	Ruhi Maker	The effects of climate change on our infrastructure systems will be analyzed in our forthcoming Climate Adaptation & Resiliency Plan	Clement Chung	clementchung@monroecounty.gov
30	can you explain more the opportunities for public input before the plan is finalized? not clear to me when or how public input will happen.	Piper Van Kerkhove	live answered	Madison Quinn	madisonquinn@monroecounty.gov
37	Will the plan include working with schools at all?	Lola Gendrou	Yes! We have been reaching out to school teachers and students as part of our engagement, and we also have 3 student members on our Climate Action Plan Advisory Committee, one is a high school student.	Clement Chung	clementchung@monroecounty.gov
38	Can you drop the goals and stratgies survey into the chat, please?	Elizabeth Murphy	Just added to the chat! https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/8ce48d7afc1840bfd5fe0e5d27d544b	Patrick Gooch	patrickgooch@monroecounty.gov
48	What is the address for the survey?	George Hebert	https://arcg.is/1PmbeT	Molly Gaudio	mgaudio@bergmannpc.com
29	I beleive Sue Hughes-Smith was orionally on the planning committee, but she isn't anymore. She's a great climate advocate with a lot of knowledge. Why is she no longer on the committee?	Sadie Ruth	Sue was appointed to the Committee as a citizen member, and when she was elected to the Legislature, she was required to leave the position. However, we are still very engaged with Sue, and her successor, Akilah Skerrette-Banister is also a board member for the Climate Solutions Accelerator	Clement Chung	clementchung@monroecounty.gov
49	Can you answer my question about the partnership network?	Jonathan Cloud	Please reach out to me at mgaudio@bergmannpc.com - Happy to connect!	Molly Gaudio	mgaudio@bergmannpc.com

2	yes	Lystra McCoy							
5	No problem. I just didn't see if I was on or not. Thanks very much.	Richard B Milne							
11	I may be jumping ahead, though was wondering if/how we would be able to apply for Green or sustainability grants/funding or partnerships for our company? Asside from monitoring the emmissions, are any plans on the specifics to clean up the exhaust or other fumes of the RTS busses and the landfills?	Dennis Christiano II							
17	Can you comment on what seems to be a small # of community participants in your outreach efforts so far?	Madeline Schmitt							
20	Are there currently any apartment complexes that have solar panels on their roofs and is that something worth considering and finding funding for them?	Kim Hudson							
23	I'm betting there might be grant funding for tree planting. If so, maybe that could be accessed and Monroe County could have a tree give away.	Kim Hudson							
26	How do we get connected to the Partnership Network?	Jonathan Cloud							
28	Are there initiatives to have more towns become like Fairport that have "Fairport Electric"? Plans to expand the Solar farms? When will the bike network start construction? Are there plans to further expand the range of the power generated by High Falls?	Dennis Christiano II							
31	Are you including potential climate refugees to the area?	Victoria Zelin Cloud							
32	How could the County (or City/Towns) incentivize property owners to NOT CUT down mature trees, which are powerful for carbon sequestration? Planting new sapling trees is decades away from achieving the carbon sequestration and property cooling capacity of one MATURE tree?	Sally Howard							
33	The answer to my question about nitrogen fertilizer did not address my concern - your estimate for GHG from Ag is way too low.	Elizabeth Henderson							
34	any incentives get have commuters with electric bikes that aren't ready to give up use of cars?	Brandt Smith							
35	Are you looking at strategies for protecting prime agricultural land from suburban style low-density climate intensive development and the potential impact that would have on both reducing GHGs and potentially improving regional food security in the face of climate change as part of this plan, and identifying ways to make it financially feasible and attractive to farmers and municipalities?	Elizabeth Murphy							
40	Are there plans to address environmental racism and environmental justice in this plan?	marissa burkland							

41	Some of the consequences of CLimate change are already with us. What is the County doing to deal with those consequences, working with others as needed,e.g. with the State around the Genesee River and possible dam failure that would affect greater Rochester and the County?	Madeline Schmitt						
42	In response to the question about solar panels on apartment buildings: GreenSpark Solar has worked with local developers to install solar panels on multi-family buildings. Here's a short piece on why affordable housing and solar are a good match! https://greensparksolar.com/2023/05/11/why-are-affordable-housing-and-solar-a-good-match/ and a recent example: https://greensparksolar.com/2022/09/27/270-on-east-offers-solar-powered-affordable-housing-to-rochester/	Brooke Mayer						
43	Great presentation! Thank you for the hard work and and thorough preparation on this!	John Botelho						
44	Will you be sharing attendees? So we can make sure that stakeholder groups have been represented in this process?	Kerry Ivers						
45	NY DEC passed a law requiring producers of substantial amounts of food waste to compost if there's a facility within 25 miles. Any idea if the county's new facility in Pittsford will meet these requirements? And does that facility *have* to be used for natural gas production, given the outsized contribution of natural gas to GHG emissions in the county?	Robert Cook						
46	Pittsford recently became recognized as a NYSERDA Climate Smart Community. Any idea if others in the County are following suit at maybe even a higher level of certification than Pittsford?	Jill Bellenger						
47	Thanks! :)	Elizabeth Murphy						
50	Thank you for the presentation	Richard B Milne						
51	Thanks!	Jonathan Cloud						
52	Many thanks! Nicely done.	Matthew O'Connor						