

# New York State Climate Action Council

## Agriculture and Forestry Advisory Panel

February 4, 2021  
Meeting 8

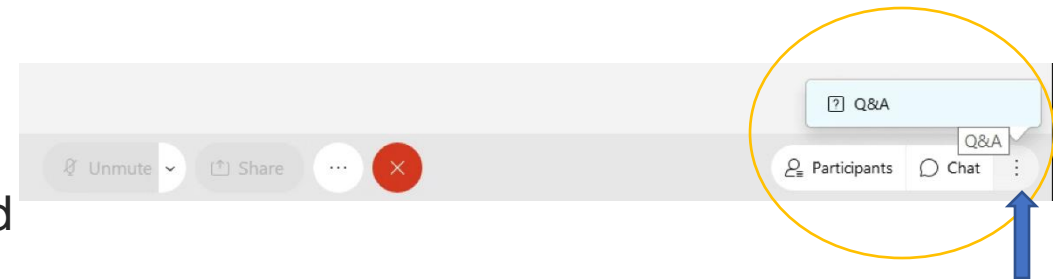


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# Procedure for Public Input

## The Advisory Panel welcomes public comments and questions both during and in between its meetings

- > To submit feedback to Panel Members and agency staff during the meeting, members of the public can use the WebEx Chat function located in the right bottom corner.
  - Comments and questions submitted through WebEx will be aggregated and submitted to panel members to be included in deliberations.
- > To submit feedback between Advisory Panel meetings, please email [agriculture.forestry@agriculture.ny.gov](mailto:agriculture.forestry@agriculture.ny.gov)



# Agenda

- > Welcome
- > Roll Call
- > Climate Justice Working Group presentation and discussion – Rosa Mendez, Director of Environmental Justice, DEC
- > Recommendations Template Follow up and Integration Analysis – Maureen Leddy
- > Subgroup Status and next steps
- > Next Meetings

**Climate Justice  
Working Group –  
Rosa Mendez**

# Climate Justice Working Group

- > Establish criteria to identify disadvantaged communities for the purposes of co pollutant reductions, GHG emissions reductions, regulatory impact statements, and allocation of benefits associated with State investments.
- > CAC consults with CJWG on climate justice including draft scoping plan.
- > Advisory panels coordinate with CJWG.
- > Consultation:
  - Report identifying barriers to and opportunities for access to or community ownership of clean energy and climate mitigation services.
  - Community air monitoring program development.
  - Rulemakings to achieve statewide emission limits.
- > Meetings are open to the public, information posted online: <https://climate.ny.gov/Climate-Justice-Working-Group>

**Eddie Bautista**, NYC Environmental Justice Alliance

**Jerrod Bley**, Adirondack North Country Association

**Dr. Donathan Brown**, RIT

**Rahwa Ghirmatzion**, PUSH Buffalo

**Amy Klein**, Capital Roots

**Mary Beth McEwen**, Cornell Coop Ext Of Oneida County

**Abigail McHugh-Grifa**, Climate Solutions Accelerator  
(Rochester Peoples Climate Coalition)

**Elizabeth Yeampierre**, UPROSE

**Sonal Jessel**, WEACT for Environmental Justice

**Rosa Méndez**, DEC

**Neil Muscatiello**, DOH

**Joseph McNearney**, DOL

**Christopher Coll**, NYSERDA

# Disadvantaged Communities

*“Disadvantaged communities shall be identified based on geographic, public health, environmental hazard, and socioeconomic criteria, which shall include but are not limited to:*

- a) Areas burdened by cumulative environmental pollution and other hazards that can lead to negative public health effects.*
- b) Areas with concentrations of people that are of low income, high unemployment, high rent burden, low levels of home ownership, low levels of educational attainment, or members of groups that have historically experienced discrimination on the basis of race or ethnicity.*
- c) Areas vulnerable to the impacts of climate change such as flooding, storm surges, and urban heat island effects.”*

- > Minimum of 35% of benefits of clean energy investments and goal of 40% of benefits of broader set of investments to Disadvantaged Communities (DACs)
  - clean energy and energy efficiency programs, projects or investments in the areas of housing, workforce development, pollution reduction, low-income energy assistance, energy, transportation and economic development
- > Criteria developed by CJWG based on input from 6 public statement hearings and published for public comment on DEC website
  - Considerations include available data and methodology for defining and applying Disadvantaged Communities criteria

# **Recommendation PPT Template and Integration Analysis – Maureen Leddy**

# Mitigation strategy – Initiative #[x]: Overview

Description:	
Action type:	
GHG reduction by 2030:	GHG reduction by 2050:
Cost and funding considerations:	
Ease of implementation:	
Example case studies:	

Risks / Barriers to success	Possible mitigants



# Mitigation strategy – Initiative #[x]:

## Components of the strategy

<b>Components required for delivery</b> <i>(Brief description of action required)</i>	<b>Implementation lead</b> <i>(Entity responsible for completing)</i>	<b>Time to implement</b> <i>(Time required to implement)</i>	<b>Other key stakeholders</b> <i>(Entities that need to be engaged)</i>

# Mitigation strategy – Initiative #[x]: Benefits and impacts

Anticipated Benefits and Impacts	
Disadvantaged communities	
Health and co-benefits	
Just transition: businesses and industries, workers	
Other	

# Subgroup Status and Next Steps

# Agriculture and Forestry Advisory Panel: Agricultural Emissions Reductions and Sequestration Recommendations Subgroups

- > **Agroforestry, NM/Soil Health, Livestock/Dairy – Held 2 subgroup meetings**
- > **Recommendation template being complete by AGM staff based on panel discussions and comments received thus far**
- > **Planned third and final subgroup meetings to be held mid-February to go over draft PPT Recommendations template**

# Agriculture and Forestry Advisory Panel: Avoided Conversions

# Agriculture and Forestry Advisory Panel: Forests and Forest Management

- > **Improved Forest Management – 2 subgroup meetings,**
  - **Meeting # 1= Developing a new carbon option under 480a**
  - **Meeting # 2= Other programs to increase carbon sequestration through improved management**
- > **Recommendation template being developed based on panel discussions and comments received thus far**
- > **Afforestation/Reforestation will be the topic of upcoming third subgroup meeting and the fourth may be focused on Urban Forestry.**

# Agriculture and Forestry Advisory Panel: Avoided Conversions

- > **Three meetings so far – forest conservation, farmland conservation, non-acquisition options**
- > **Next meeting: research on conversion regarding pace, forecasting and opportunity for avoided emissions and sequestration**
- > **Explore further: no net loss of forestland**

# **Next Panel Meeting Dates**

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021**

**March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**(1 pm start)**



**Thank you**