

New York State Climate Action Council

May 26, 2022
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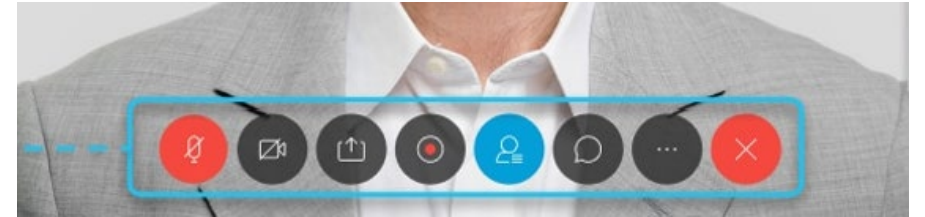


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Meeting Procedures

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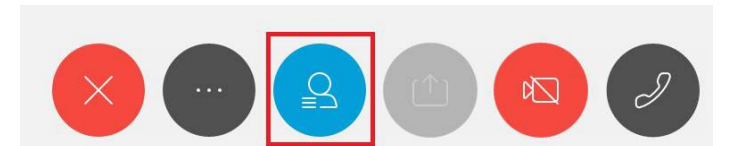
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Agenda

- > Welcome and Roll Call
- > Consideration of April 18, 2022, Minutes
- > Co-Chair Remarks and Reflections
- > Update on Public Hearings and Comments
- > Subgroups
 - General overview
 - Economywide Policies Subgroup
- > Disadvantaged Communities Barriers and Opportunities Report
- > Next Steps

Consideration of April 18, 2022, Minutes

Co-Chair Remarks and Reflections

Our Hearts With Buffalo



Recent Announcements

Month of May filled with policy, program, and project-based progress

- **05/18/2022** [DEC Announces Draft Regulations to Reduce Waste Sent to Landfills, Improve Waste Management, and Reduce Solid Waste's Climate Change Impacts](#)
- **05/16/2022** [NYSERDA Announces \\$10 Million Available Through Carbon Neutral Community Economic Development Program](#) | Will Accelerate Decarbonization and Economic Development to Revitalize Disadvantaged Communities
- **05/13/2022** [NYSERDA Makes \\$15 Million Available for Fourth Annual Commercial and Industrial Carbon Challenge](#) Challenge to Reduce Statewide Emissions, Combat Climate Change, Drive Economic Growth
- **05/12/2022** [PSC Announces CLCPA Tracking Initiative](#)
- **05/12/2022** [PSC Begins Groundbreaking Planning Process to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions from the State's Natural Gas Delivery System](#)
- **05/11/2022** [New York State to Hold Public Hearings on Draft Disadvantaged Communities Criteria](#)
- **05/03/2022** [Governor Hochul Announces New York State AFL-CIO President Mario Cilento Appointed to the Climate Action Council](#) | Appointment Will Provide Labor Representation in Work of the Council

Update on Public Hearings and Comments

Draft Scoping Plan Public Hearings

- ✓ April 5, 4:00 Bronx Community College, Bronx
- ✓ April 6, 4:00 Brookhaven Town Hall, Brookhaven
- ✓ April 12, 4:00 Binghamton University, Binghamton
- ✓ April 14, 4:00 Empire State Plaza, Albany
- ✓ April 26, 4:00 SUNY-ESF, Syracuse
- ✓ April 27, 3:30 Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, Buffalo
- ✓ May 3, 4:00 NYC City College of Technology, Brooklyn
- ✓ May 7, 10:00am Virtual
- ✓ May 10, 4:00 The Wild Center, Tupper Lake
- ✓ May 11, 4:00 Virtual
- ✓ May 12, 4:00 Paramount Hudson Valley Theater, Peekskill

Written comment submissions:

- Comment form at [Climate Act website](#)
- Email to scopingplan@nyserda.ny.gov
- U.S. mail sent to Draft Scoping Plan Comments, NYSERDA, 17 Columbia Circle, Albany, NY 12203

Comment period ends June 10, 2022

See <https://climate.ny.gov/CAC-Meetings-and-Materials> for hearing recordings

Written Comments

Steady stream of comment submissions continue

- > Nearly 18,000 comments received since January 1, 2022
- > Will require significant effort to review

Planned comment review

- > Every comment will be reviewed
- > General feedback will be noted, and specific feedback sorted by topic area (e.g., transportation, buildings)
- > Feedback will be synthesized and presented to Council and subgroups for consideration
- > Based on Council discussions, staff will propose approaches to incorporate/respond to feedback
- > Public comments will also be processed for posting to <https://climate.ny.gov>

2022 Workplan

	Information Gathering			Discussions & Deliberations			Drafting & Plan Finalization			Post-2022
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Climate Action Council Mtgs	Launch subgroups	Barriers and Opportunities Report	TBD	Public comments/ subgroup topics	Public comments/ subgroup topics	Public comments/ subgroup topics	Review revisions to draft	Discuss final adjustments to Scoping Plan	Vote on Scoping Plan	
Public Input	Public provides comments		Public comment distillation & presentation							State Energy Plan; DEC Regulations
Subgroups	Develop charge & solicit volunteers		Develop recommendations		Interim recs shared with CAC					
Scoping Plan Development			Propose specific updates		Incorporate subgroup materials and public comment		Incorporate CAC feedback		Issue Scoping Plan	

Subgroups

Subgroup Expectations & Process

Three Subgroups formed

- > Gas System Transition
- > Alternative Fuels
- > Economywide Policies

Made up of 6-10 Council members

- > Reflective of overall diversity of Council
- > Volunteers, adjusted for balance by co-chairs

Responsibilities of subgroup members

- > Meet twice a month between Council meetings, attendance should be consistent (June – August)
- > Recommendations should take into consideration public comments (written & hearings)
- > Strive to reach consensus on recommendations to Council
- > Will be supported by State staff team and CBI/Cadmus facilitation

How will the Council & public track the work of the Subgroups?

- > Meeting summaries of decisions, work products, and next steps posted on Climate Act website
- > Interim progress reports at monthly Council meetings

Subgroup Membership

Gas System Transition

- Doreen Harris
- Roberta Reardon
- Rory Christian
- Donna DeCarolis
- Gavin Donohue
- Dennis Elsenbeck
- Bob Howarth
- Raya Salter
- Paul Shepson
- Mario Cilento

Alternative Fuels

- Doreen Harris
- Mary Bassett
- Richard Ball
- Donna DeCarolis
- Anne Reynolds
- Dennis Elsenbeck
- Bob Howarth
- Peter Iwanowicz
- Rory Christian

Economywide Policies

- Basil Seggos
- MarieTherese Dominguez
- Justin Driscoll
- Gavin Donohue
- Anne Reynolds
- Peter Iwanowicz
- Hope Knight

Economywide Policies Subgroup

Economywide Policies Subgroup – Purpose

Scoping Plan Directive

- > The draft Scoping Plan identified 3 potential purposes that could be served by an economywide (or sector(s)-specific) program:
 - 1) ensuring compliance with the statewide emission limits;
 - 2) providing funding that may be needed to implement other Scoping Plan strategies; and
 - 3) providing a uniform price signal across the economy to drive efficient decision-making.
- > The Council should decide in the final scoping plan if an economywide policy or combination of policies is needed and, if so, which of three identified options best fulfills the needs identified by the CAC.

Workgroup Purpose

- > This subgroup will develop its recommendation for an economywide program based on expert analyses, public input and application of the criteria identified in the draft scoping plan and others the subgroup deems appropriate.

Economywide Policies Subgroup – Areas of Focus

Key Focus Areas

- > Evaluation of need for economywide program to provide a portion of the funding, achieve emission limits or both
- > What policy model would best achieve policy goals
- > Level of ambition, considering emission reductions and affordability
- > Policy design to prioritize emission reductions in disadvantaged communities, support just transition and mitigate regressive impacts on LMI New Yorkers
- > How to limit emission leakage and support innovation in NY's economy
- > Consideration of potential effect on economy and job growth
- > Application economywide or to subgroup of sectors
- > Consideration of multiple programs and their possible interactions
- > Participation in multistate programs and consideration of best practices from other jurisdictions

Economywide Policies Research Priorities

> Addressable Research Areas

1. What are the best practices for policy design and tradeoffs of different approaches?
2. What has been the experience of effects on emissions, equity and the economy in other jurisdictions?
3. What are the modeled impacts of an illustrative fixed-trajectory, energy-based carbon tax to New York's economy and emissions? Potential impacts to evaluate include:
 - a) Emission reduction
 - b) Economywide energy spending
 - c) Emissions and economic leakage
4. How might carbon price and potential revenues impact investment decisions for key technologies? How does investment contribute to achieving New York's decarbonization targets?



Disadvantaged Communities Barriers and Opportunities Report: **Update**

May 26, 2022

Climate Action Council member briefing – Barriers and
Opportunities Report



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Report Study Areas

Section 6(1)-(3) of Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act

Report on barriers to, and opportunities for, access to and community ownership of services and commodities in the below areas, in disadvantaged communities

- Distributed renewable energy generation
- Energy efficiency and weatherization investments
- Zero- and low- emission transportation options
- Adaptation measures to improve the resilience of homes and infrastructure
- Other services and infrastructure to reduce risks associated with climate change related hazards

Four Categories of Barriers

Categories of Barriers	Examples of Barriers
Physical and Economic Structures and Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Building stock may be old and in disrepair• Multifamily and rental structures create split incentives
Financial and Knowledge Resources and Capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community members may lack access to capital• Communities have limited programmatic and information capacity
Perspectives and Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communities may be unaware or uncertain of risks and needs• Communities may have a lack of trust in the program or service provider
Programmatic Design and Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Program not well designed for community members• Program eligibility requirements may eliminate certain communities

Programmatic Design and Implementation Barrier: Specific Barriers and Scale of Application [Example]

Specific Barrier	Individual and Household level	Community Level	Landlord or Business Level	Affected Services and Commodities
<p>Program eligibility constraints and application requirements may eliminate certain communities.</p>	<p>Programs requiring home ownership or new technology purchase.</p> <p>Income eligibility varies and difficult to navigate; limited access for renters, technologies require capital.</p>	<p>Programs requiring home ownership or new technology purchase.</p> <p>Multiple programs difficult to optimize, variable eligibility.</p> <p>Competitive grant structures favor communities and organizations with grant-writing capacity and experience.</p>	<p>Loan-based programs not accessible to small, cash-based businesses.</p> <p>Application requirements favor firms with resources.</p>	<p>All services and commodities.</p>
<p>Program outreach may be insufficient or misaligned.</p>	<p>Lack of awareness of programs and services because information is not provided in the best channel, source, language, or format.</p>	<p>Communities that could benefit from programs/services aren't aware; Programs have difficulty communicating to residents.</p>	<p>Lack of awareness of programs and services because information is not provided in the best channel, source, language, or format.</p>	<p>All services and commodities.</p>

Recommendations

Theme	Recommendations
Ensure Inclusive Processes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="774 505 1989 548">1. Co-design programs with communities and other stakeholders<li data-bbox="774 591 2295 684">2. Provide meaningful opportunities for public input in government processes and proceedings<li data-bbox="774 726 2219 769">3. Work across intersecting issues and interests to address needs holistically
Streamline Program Access	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="774 822 2384 865">4. Transition to program models that require little to no effort to participate and benefit<li data-bbox="774 908 2499 1001">5. Establish people-centered policies, programs, and funding across local, state, and federal governments<li data-bbox="774 1043 1908 1086">6. Find and support resource-constrained local governments
Address Emerging Issues	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="774 1153 1556 1196">7. Mobilize citizen participation and action<li data-bbox="774 1239 2066 1282">8. Improve housing conditions and adherence to local building codes

Recommendations and Opportunities

Theme

Ensure Inclusive Processes

Recommendation

Co-design programs with communities and other stakeholders

Opportunities

Staff agencies and fund programs to implement co-design processes with communities

Build trust by dedicating time and resources to develop relationships with communities

Co-design with and for the most vulnerable New Yorkers

Develop wealth-building and asset-building options or pathways

Next Steps...

The Final Scoping Plan will include the recommendations from this report after consultation with the CAC

NYSERDA, DEC, and NYPA will establish a process to make the report a living document

Phase 1: Assessment of Recommendations

Phase 2: Implementing Recommendations

Phase 3: Continued Assessment and Refinement

Next Steps Chapter (cont.)

Phase 1: Assessment of Recommendations

Sort each recommendation by

- Implementing agency
- Priority
- Feasibility

Access the current uptake of clean energy programs in disadvantaged communities and explore current community ownership models

Accelerate the creation of structures to coordinate interagency collaboration like the Low-Income Energy Task Force and expand engagement with community members and local governments like the EEC, Clean Energy Hubs, DEC Air Monitoring, CSC etc.

Create year-end goals for achieving measurable progress, accountability, and transparency

Next Steps Chapter (cont.)

Phase 2: Implementing Recommendations

Implement the recommendations based on priority and complexity; Incorporate community member input in this work on an ongoing basis

Develop a process to record new learnings and insights, which will be used to update the recommendations

Make tangible progress towards acquiring the additional resources needed for implementation

Phase 3: Continued Assessment and Refinement

Develop a reporting plan to provide updates on progress

Report on progress to NYSERDA, DEC, and NYPA CAC, CJWG, community members, and other relevant stakeholders

Develop a plan to assess the implementation of these recommendations and use that information to update them in concert with the Scoping Plan

Climate Act Requirements

- Led by DEC in cooperation with NYSERDA and NYPA
- Hold two public hearings (completed Nov 2021)
- **Submit to the Governor, Speaker of the Assembly, and the Majority Leader of the Senate¹ by January 1, 2022**
- Post to the DEC website
- The CAC's Final Scoping Plan must include recommendations from this report
- CLCPA implementation reporting includes an assessment of the report recommendations; must be published every four years

¹Climate Act specifies "Temporary President of the Senate"

Next Steps

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Subgroups

- > Subgroups to initiate meeting in early June and meet ~ 2 times/month
- > Meeting summaries (decisions, work products, and next steps) to be posted on Climate Act website
- > Interim progress reports to be provided at monthly Council meetings

Comment Period

- > Open through June 10, 2022
- > Submit comments via:
 - > [Comment form](#) at Climate Act [website](#)
 - > Email to scopingplan@nyserda.ny.gov
 - > U.S. mail sent to Draft Scoping Plan Comments, NYSERDA, 17 Columbia Circle, Albany, NY 12203

Disadvantaged Communities Criteria

The Draft Disadvantaged Communities Criteria is open for public comment through July 7, 2022.

Written comment submission:

- > Comment form at [Climate Act website](#)
- > Email to DACComments@dec.ny.gov, or
- > Send via U.S. mail to:
 - Attention: Draft DAC Comments
NYS DEC Attn. Office of Environmental Justice
625 Broadway, 14th Floor, Albany NY 12233

Two public education sessions are being offered this month as an opportunity for interested stakeholders to review the CJWG's process and methodology for selecting DACs and to answer technical questions on the draft criteria and maps.

The Draft Criteria, supporting materials and details on joining the informational session can be found at <https://climate.ny.gov/Our-Climate-Act/Disadvantaged-Communities-Criteria>

A schedule for in-person and virtual public hearings on the draft criteria and indicators is being developed and will be announced soon and posted on the Climate Act website.