



## Sullivan County Agriculture and Sustainability Policy Committee

November 7, 2013 AGENDA

2:00 PM

### Committee Members:

Cindy Kurpil Gieger, Chair, Cora Edwards, Vice-Chair, Jonathan Rouis, Alan Sorensen, Kitty Vetter

### Call to Order

### Attendance

Comments: Committee Chair

### Reports:

1. Office of Sustainable Energy (OSE) Monthly Report- Carol Roig & Stephen Stuart
2. Agricultural Report- Jill Weyer
3. Update – DPW

### Presentation:

1. County/Cornell Cooperative Extension Ag Planner

### Discussion:

1. CAP Advisory Board Initiative
2. Energy Management – LED Savings vs. Current Costs

Resolutions: None

### Public Comment

### Adjourn

## **OSE Activities Report for November 2013**

### **Reporting on October 2013 activities**

#### **I. ENERGY MANAGEMENT FOR SC FACILITIES**

##### **NYPA Potential for HVAC replacement at SC Government Center**

- Ravi Shankar of New York Power Authority (NYPA) will make a presentation to the Public Works committee on Thursday, November 14.

##### **LED lighting Retrofit for the GC**

- Winwater is working on a preliminary study of lighting retrofits utilizing LEDs for indoor and outdoor applications at the Government Center.
- Nancy Cozean of Winwater called on October 24 to provide an update; they are working on the study and will submit it ASAP.

##### **County Jail**

OSE is researching LEED and other sustainability standards for jails including:

- Energy cost savings;
- Case studies of jails built to LEED specifications;
- Maintenance cost reductions resulting from energy efficiencies and building technique;
- Potential effects on health and wellbeing of jail staff, corrections officers.

#### **II. SC CLIMATE ACTION PLAN**

OSE is drafting the County measures section of the Climate Action Plan. Work includes:

- Summarizing and characterizing the GHG inventory data for County operations
- Setting GHG reduction goals in each sector addressed by the plan: energy, transportation (county fleet), materials management and land/water use.
- Researching best practices for “green” procurement, alternative fuel vehicles, and other potential County measures, and calculating the potential GHG reduction that could be achieved.
- Working with DPW to analyze needs of County facilities and create a list of priority projects.
- Drafting introductory sections of the plan, including background on climate change, SC actions to date, and summarizing GHG reduction goals and high priority adaptation strategies.
- Scheduled meeting November 12 with representatives of VHB, an engineering firm engaged by NYS to provide technical assistance on GHG data.
- Target is end of November for a preliminary draft to be circulated to Planning, DPW and other key departments.