



## Sullivan County Agriculture and Sustainability Policy Committee

September 10, 2015 AGENDA

1:30 PM

Committee Members:

Cindy Kurpil Gieger, Chair, Cora Edwards, Vice-Chair, Gene Benson, Alan Sorensen, Kitty Vetter

### Call to Order

### Attendance

Comments: Committee Chair

### Reports:

1. Agricultural Report- Melinda Meddaugh
2. Office of Sustainable Energy (OSE) Monthly Report- Carol Roig & Stephen Stuart

### Presentation:

1. Agriculture Taskforce – Melinda Meddaugh

### Discussion:

1. Update Next Steps CCA

Resolutions: None

Public Comment

Adjourn

**OSE Activities Report for September 2015**  
**Reporting on August 2015 activities**

**I. ENERGY MANAGEMENT FOR SC FACILITIES**

All of these projects are pending:

- **NYPA Potential for HVAC replacement at SC Government Center:** PRES Engineering is proceeding with the 30% design phase authorized by the County; PRES has reported the DPW that their study found no environmental hazards that would interfere with their proposed work. This will likely help to keep costs under control.
- **Hybrid Vehicles for SC Fleet:** Proposed specifications are under review by DPW, in connection with plan under review by DPW and the County Manager's office for a lease arrangement for County vehicles.
- **Solar PPA:** NYS Department of Environmental Conservation has given approval. We anticipate that County will begin clearing the site, and we have researched the relative carbon reduction benefits of trees and solar energy generation.

We have reached out to Shennoy Wellington at the Adult Care Center to meet to discuss energy saving strategies for the facility.

**II. COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION (CCA)**

SASD presented the SCCCA initiative to the Council of Governments on Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> and we are working with the office of the County Attorney and OMB to draft a second resolution approving our application to the PSC. SASD staff and Board Members are scheduling presentations to town and village boards on an ongoing basis.

- Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>: Town of Highland
- Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>: Town of Tusten
- Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>: Town of Lumberland

**III. CLEANER GREENER COMMUNITIES PHASE II/ROUND THREE/CATEGORY 2 FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

We are researching the green fleet requirements in order to help the County qualify for funding through the Cleaner Greener Communities initiative. We anticipate re-submission of the SC Space and Energy Study by the end of 2016.

The deadline for applications for Category 2 is September 30, 2019, or sooner, if funds become exhausted. A 25% match is required, which can be dollars or in-kind. \$250,000 is the maximum for each application.

We are working to help Sullivan County meet threshold requirements for funding. Efforts include:

- Green fleet.
- Contacted NYSERDA with comments on the fact that several threshold actions are not available to counties because home rule assigns control of those actions to towns. NYSERDA responded that they are revisiting the requirements and may either add actions counties can take or reduce the number of actions required.
- C-PACE initiative: Energize NY has issued new guidelines regarding the Municipal Tax Delinquency Fund. We have met with the County Treasurer to identify remaining concerns

#### **IV. SC CLIMATE ACTION PLAN/CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES**

The CSC roundtable scheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup> had to be rescheduled. This roundtable will explore community outreach strategies for CSC committees, and will provide detailed information on GHG emissions from municipal waste water treatment and individual septic systems, and strategies for addressing this source of emissions. We expect to reschedule the event for later in the month.

#### **V. NY PRIZE Micro-Grid Projects Liberty and Monticello**

Booz Allen Hamilton has requested detailed energy use data from stakeholders in Liberty and Monticello. We are reaching out to make sure information has been provided and to assist with questionnaires.

Carol Roig and Stephen Stuart  
9-8-2015