

VOL CSC/CEC Task Force Meeting Minutes – 11/21/2024

(Fathom Summary)

[VIEW RECORDING - 49 mins \(No highlights\)](#)

Overview of Climate Smart Communities Grant Program @ 0:00

Yen and Sheng discussed the details of the Climate Smart Communities grant program, including the extensive application process and examples of past successful applicants in Tompkins County. They emphasized the potential for the program to fund significant projects, but also noted the intensity of the application requirements.

Updates on Joint Safety Action Plan @ 4:00

Hardaway provided an update on the Joint Safety Action Plan being developed by the county and 11 municipalities. He noted that there will be two public meetings in December to present the current priorities, and he will share the details with the group.

Transition of CEC Coordinator Role @ 6:03

Sheng discussed the uncertain status of the CEC coordinator role, explaining that he has been temporarily filling in while awaiting news on the program's funding and transition. He is hopeful to return to the CEC role in January if the funding is secured.

Review of Potential Documentation for Climate Smart Communities @ 7:24

Hardaway led a detailed review of the various documentation the group has available to demonstrate progress on Climate Smart Communities actions, including policies, plans, and infrastructure projects. He identified gaps and next steps to compile the necessary evidence for submission.

Update on CEC Action Status @ 27:43

Hardaway provided an update on the status of the group's CEC actions, noting that they were unable to identify projects in time to apply for the \$20K high-impact action grants, but the community campaigns and sponsored events are ongoing.

Recap and Next Steps @ 47:48

The group discussed next steps, including setting up accounts in the CEC online documentation system, dividing up the work to compile the necessary evidence, and skipping the December meeting due to holidays.

The next CSC/CEC meeting will be held on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 5 PM.

Action Items

- Hardaway to send public hearing info for joint safety action plan to Sheng & Kathleen
- Hardaway to add shade structure's policy to Dec 2 Trustees meeting agenda
- Hardaway & Sheng to share CSC doc system w/ Kathleen & Lynn
- Hardaway to organize CSC action items by doc source for review. CSC/CEC TF Members assigned to document VOL evidence in CSC system:

YEN

- PE7 Action: Riparian Buffers [Yen]
 - See watershed plan at https://www.cayugalake.org/wp-content/uploads/clwrpp_2017_final_4_30_17.pdf
- PE7: Source Water Protection [Yen]
 - Yes, see watershed plan - https://www.cayugalake.org/wp-content/uploads/clwrpp_2017_final_4_30_17.pdf
 - Note: CWIO presentation on DEC's Clean Cayuga Lake Water Plan (TMDL) – Dec. 11 at 5:30-8:30 PM (see CWIO announcement of this presentation.) Might also be a second, virtual presentation.
- PE7: Water Conservation & Reuse [Yen]
 - Yes, see watershed plan - https://www.cayugalake.org/wp-content/uploads/clwrpp_2017_final_4_30_17.pdf

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- PE7 Action: Conserve Natural Areas [Leopold]
 - Identified in Greenway Plan and Comprehensive Plan with high-level plans to protect the natural areas.
 - QUESTION: TC Unique Natural Areas document has been updated – how will this impact VOL CSC documentation? (TC Planning & Sustainability Dept. – Darby Kiley)
- PE7: Watershed Plan for Water Quality [Leopold]
 - Yes, see https://www.cayugalake.org/wp-content/uploads/clwrpp_2017_final_4_30_17.pdf

- Also see Tompkins County Water Quality Strategies document:
- https://www.tompkinscountyny.gov/files2/planning/committees/WRC/documents/WQS_2022-2024_FINAL.pdf
- PE7: Water-Smart Landscaping [Leopold]
 - Planning Board? Rain gardens, retention ponds, slow rain runoff on its way to Cayuga Lake**

HARDAWAY

- PE7 Action: Culverts and Dams [Hardaway]
 - Draft list of culverts created.
 - 2024 – Culvert installed in Lansing Trails retention pond on pedestrian walkway
 - 2022 – Cross culvert replaced on Leif's Way
 - 2021 – Culvert replaced on Graham Road
 - Also, culvert expansion on Cedar Lane – not sure about the date.
- PE7 Action: Watershed-based Flood Mitigation Plan [Hardaway]
 - See VOL Flood Damage Prevention Law:
https://vlansing.org/Village_Code/Part_II/Chapter78FloodDamagePreventionLaw.pdf