

# CAC Agenda / Working Doc / Aug 10 2022

In attendance:

- CAC: Lori, Laurie, Mike, Steve, Denis
- Liaison:
- Guests in attendance:
- Invited Guests:
- Meeting opened 7:10pm
- [Vote on minutes](#) (MAY 11) motion to approve Lori, second Steve

Mapping tool opportunity with Cornell Cooperative Dutchess County for Local Conservation Planning:  
September 10, 9am-12pm

Laurie touched base with Jen as Village about Climate Action Plan (opportunity for funding/help), not interested right now.

- Dropping because only makes sense as Village/Town
- And Bard CEP intern this fall fell through

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Frances willing to put in hours if other interest.

How do we reboot how we reach people?

- Repair Cafe as pilot “how do you hear about things/us” in Red Hook
- Denis: Daily Catch is effective at bringing up highlights about what’s going on locally. Weekly highlight about clean energy (not just local, but e.g. legislation)? Revisit idea of being a clearinghouse for questions about solar, incentives, etc.? People do like instant gratification, though.
- Lori: Denis’s point about the IRA (Inflation Reduction Act) is a good one, there will be a lot of questions about rebates, incentives, etc.
- Frances intro’d HVCAN - online network for climate-engaged. Can create IRA resources for FAQs for town residents that CACs and similar can use.
- Lori: Should we have an IRA celebration? Include tables about what it means for Red Hook? Steve suggested host at Hardscrabble? Or Repair Cafe? Go where the people are: Hardscrabble. September 17th.
- Laurie: back to IRA FAQs - case studies of who’s done it and what worked. Also 45-min phone calls available with energy expert. NYers for Clean Power energy coaching (Post to FB page). Denis gets 2-3 calls per week asking about energy.

- We also need a clearinghouse for trusted sources, like we did for solar, to direct people to fair pricing.
- Lori: let's each come next month with ideas about how to extend info about IRA clean energy investments. We're in the window right now where people are thinking about this. Wait until the incentives are set—but there are also incentives already now.
- Mike: do we have a forum on the FB page? No, it's a profile not a group. Revisit? Energy committee FB page? where there's Q&A option.

#### Summaries:

- Review next month when all are done
- Refrigerant recovery progressing, now at about 6 per hour
  - R2D2: Refrigerant Recovery for Destruction/Distribution
  - Tshirts? Budget to tshirt making?
  - Denis: Should we have a goal for lbs refrigerant recovered? We should figure out the education element: so people remember to bring their AC to town hall. Steve emphasized importance of making it something people can comprehend e.g. car miles. Laurie pointed out that heat pumps coming in means ACs coming out.

#### Repair Cafe: October 1! Works with gala, hardscrabble,

- Mike, Steve, Frances are all yeses. Those who can't attend can contribute baked goods, e.g.
- Tying in broken ACs: if can't repair, bring to R2D2.

#### Sustainable Red Hook: a few areas for CAC to lead on

- Resource use: create list of suggested best practices, adopt codes to be better stewards, create incentives to implement. Consult impacted parties, community engagement program about resource use incl. Climate change mitigation, resilience, adaptation. Research, interrogate, co-develop, and transparently share best practices in each sector.
- Another party! By Sustainable Red Hook Audubon group = Sara @ Community Center, Erin from civic engagement, Christine Kane (town board member)
  - (Not the birds)
  - Audubon certification = 15 focus areas, it started for golf courses.
  - Laurie has a chart we should fill out. It's over the next month so we might do it online alone.
    - Fit in what we're doing to the chart

Mike moved to adjourn, Frances second, meeting closed at 8:01.

Post-meeting note: Hardscrabble heat pump focus. Could also collect FAQs. e.g. "do heat pumps work in the cold?" + a drawing. And people who can't come that day can help put together info. Appropriate season because heating season coming up. Mike: C3PO heat pump?

## Events

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CCEDC Online Mapping Tools for Local Conservation Planning, in-person training, Sat., 9/10 9am-noon

## General

Stellah had asked for an events calendar. Library / events cte mentioned some sort of community calendar exists - can anyone follow up with Amy from Village?

RHCSD projects

## Materials Management

[summary](#) for each event/ program and link in these notes

## Planning Board

## Land & Water

- Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP2)
- Water / SKWC
- **Pollinator possibilities**

## Climate Smart Community/ Energy

- Town Board passed a resolution in support of CLCPA (Laurie requested a copy/ notification from Town Clerk)
- Cornell Climate Smart Steward project/ CEC award: no word on [electric mower grant](#) for summer 2022. We can hopefully implement it for Summer 2023.
- Refrigerant drive w/ Energy Cte
- Revisiting our climate action plan -
  - new Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Coordinator **Melanie Patapis, BA** (she/her) | Climate Smart Communities Coordinator at HVRC excited to offer additional CSC support through the DEC's new CSC Coordinators program.

This program is designed to help municipalities take local action to address climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to current and future climate change impacts. I will be primarily focused on supporting municipalities that are pursuing completing of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventories and Climate Action Plans. HVRC will be hosting office hours on Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 12pm, for interested communities to learn more. Please use [this link](#) to register in advance for this meeting. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

The expanded CSC support includes:

- **GHG Inventories:** Assistance with [Government Operations GHG Inventories](#) and [Community GHG Inventories](#), which can help your community set a baseline of GHG emissions.
- **Climate Action Planning:** Technical support for climate action planning, including [government](#) and [community plans](#), which will use your GHG inventories to set goals and plan for future reductions in energy use.

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Please [complete this form](#) if your community is interested in additional CSC support for GHG Inventories or Climate Action Planning. If interested, the Town and Village could collaborate on both the GHG Inventories and Climate Action Plans.

Feel free to reach out to me to learn of other types of support I can provide through the CSC Coordinators Program. I look forward to the opportunity to work with the Town and Village of Red Hook,

## Transportation

### Website/ Communications

Frances updated the Recycling Center [FAQs page](#)

- remove the permit fee and
- add a mention of the compost program
- Pls review along with the [CAC page](#) more generally, in case there are updates needed!
- internship in late June with Partners for Climate Action Hudson Valley on a climate action network around the region
- Outreach: Should we think about CAC social media beyond facebook? Tied with the Energy Committee? Expand our reach to include new people, build wider awareness of the topics and specific projects we work on, and add to outreach components of grants if successful? (I'm thinking Instagram because pictures and visuals are fun and engaging, and it reaches a young crowd that Facebook largely doesn't anymore).

Training

## **CCEDC Online Mapping Tools for Local Conservation Planning, in-person training**

When: **Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 12:00pm**

Where: Dutchess County Farm & Home Center ([2715 Route 44, Millbrook, NY 12545](#))

Who: Dutchess County municipal officials and volunteers (CAC, Planning Board, Town Board, ZBA), watershed group members, local residents.

How: **Registration link:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/396675776927>

***We're back in person this year with our annual online mapping tools program! Come, bring a laptop or mobile device, and join us!***

This training will provide an opportunity for guided hands-on learning of Dutchess County online mapping tools, as well as regional and statewide natural resource mappers and resources. Members of Dutchess County conservation advisory councils, municipal planning and zoning boards and staff, watershed organizations, and interested citizens are encouraged to attend. Participants will practice using a number of the tools and will learn about the importance of conservation planning and communicating these values and knowledge to their audiences. Participants are encouraged to bring

their own laptops or devices to follow along and to go through exercises and interactive demonstrations.

Presenters include:

- Sean Carroll, *Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County*
- Christine Vanderlan, *NYSDEC Hudson River Estuary Program*
- Gretchen Stevens, *Hudsonia, Ltd.*
- Julie Hart, *Dutchess Land Conservancy*

For any questions or comments, contact Sean Carroll: [smc427@cornell.edu](mailto:smc427@cornell.edu)

**motion to close, second. Meeting close**