



Climate Smart Communities – Capital Region Custom Service Strategy for Troy January 2014

IN-PERSON CONSULTATION DATE: November 21, 2013

COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bill Dunne – Planning Director

CSC REGIONAL COORDINATOR SUPPORT TEAM MEMBERS PRESENT:

Todd Fabozzi, CDRPC

Angela Vincent, VHB

Jim Yienger, Climate Action Associates

CLIMATE PROTECTION ACTIONS IDENTIFIED AT IN-PERSON CONSULTATION

The following actions were identified on November 21, 2013 as potential projects that the City of Troy could embark upon to accomplish their climate protection goals:

1. Investigate the feasibility of implementing an organics waste collection program
2. Address fleet efficiency through route monitoring or other mechanism
3. Conduct a local government operations greenhouse gas emissions inventory
4. Create an energy committee
5. Incorporate sustainability into the comprehensive plan

CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY SERVICE RECOMMENDATION

Based on the discussion at the In-Person Consultation, it is recommended that the City begin to address the climate protection actions identified above by investigating the feasibility of creating and implementing an organics collection program locally and through partnerships with neighboring communities.

CLIMATE PROTECTION ISSUE TO BE ADDRESSED

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, in 2011 alone, more than 36 million tons of food waste was generated, with only four percent diverted from landfills and incinerators for composting.¹ This has environmental, economic and social impacts on our communities, including generation of methane (which is a potent greenhouse gas) and exorbitant waste disposal fees. In Troy, the City pays nearly \$1.2 million a year on tipping fees, and they are not alone in the region. In 2013, several communities submitted a joint application for a Cleaner Greener Communities Phase II Implementation grant to create a region-wide organics collection and composting program, which included the City of Troy, City of Watervliet and Schenectady County. Unfortunately, funding was not awarded during this round. However, it is important to continue the momentum that was established. Using the grant application and partnership as a foundation, a follow up discussion is recommended to continue investigating the feasibility of creating and executing an organics collection program throughout the region.

PLEDGE ELEMENT TO BE ADDRESSED

Pledge Element 5: Realize Benefits of Recycling and Other Climate Smart Solid Waste Management Practices

¹ <http://www.epa.gov/foodrecovery/>



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POTENTIAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE AND FINAL DELIVERABLES

Resources:

- Consolidated Funding Application from Schenectady County, Troy and Watervliet

Deliverable:

Facilitate a discussion between Troy and neighboring communities about the feasibility of and potential implementation of an organics recycling program. A follow up report identifying next steps will be developed.

TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION OF STRATEGY

TASK	WHO	TIME					
		Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Determine who should be invited to participate in facilitated discussion	CAA/VHB						
Conduct background research to determine what has been collected to-date. Where are we starting the discussion?	CAA/VHB						
Find a date and location for the facilitated discussion	CAA/VHB						
Hold the Facilitated discussion	CAA/VHB/CD RPC and Stakeholders						
Submit report of findings of the discussion and next steps	Todd Fabozzi (CDRPC)						

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I, Louis A. Rosamilia, hereby acknowledge receipt of this Climate Smart
(Elected official/staff)

Communities Custom Service Strategy (Strategy) for Troy. The City understands that the services

provided by CDRPC, VHB and CAA will be at no cost or obligation. We look forward

to furthering our climate protection efforts through the Climate Smart Communities Program.

Signed: Louis A. Rosamilia Date: 2/18/2014

Primary Contact Person for this Project: Wm Dunne