

Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Taskforce Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Attendees:

- Mike K.
- Cece W.
- Nancy H.
- Bridgett M.
- Bridget W.
- James J.
- Carlie C.
- Lori A.
- Cierra W.
- Amanda

1. Meeting Minute Approvals

- Approved minutes from previous meeting on February 26th, 2025
- Motion: Cece, Seconded: Cierra, All in favor: Approved

2. Update on Composting Initiative at Transfer Station - James

- DEC has received all required documentation on their end
- We are waiting for permit approval
- James expressed interest in gathering historical data on the daily waste volume at transfer station – this would be good statistics for our outreach events, social media posts

3. Green House Gas (GHG) Summary Report- GOVT OPERATIONS ONLY - Carlie

- The GHG report was created using 2024 baseline data—a solid reference year.
- Scope & Findings:
 - Data pertains exclusively to Clayton government operations.
 - Emission breakdown by sector includes:
 - Administration buildings
 - Vehicle fleet
 - Street/traffic lights
 - Wastewater treatment facility
 - Water delivery facility
 - Findings indicate emissions levels are typical for a village of this size.
 - Clayton has a higher level of electrification, which is seen as a positive trend
- Scope 3 Emissions:
 - Not currently calculated due to complexity.
 - Could be explored further, potentially as an independent study project for a college student.
- Methodology:

- The international standard for sector emissions calculations was used.
- The report concludes with a summary and transitions into the Climate Action Plan (CAP).
- Action Item: GHG Report attached for review.

4. Climate Action Plan (CAP) – Government Operations Only - Carlie

- Purpose: Outlines strategies for reducing GHG emissions with set reduction targets.
- Alignment with CLCPA Goals:
 - The Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) provides reduction targets.
 - While not mandatory, aligning with CLCPA targets is recommended as they are achievable.
 - Example: A 40% reduction in electricity use is feasible for Clayton.
- Key Strategies Include:
 - Enhancing energy efficiency in local government operations.
 - Community engagement initiatives (e.g., CSC Taskforce programs).
 - Reducing reliance on fossil fuels.
- Plan Updates:
 - The CAP must be updated every five years.
 - Updates should be straightforward based on ongoing efforts.
- Financing & Grants: The plan outlines available funding opportunities to support implementation.
- Action List:
 - Includes completed actions to date.
 - Prioritized action items with timeframes, targeted sectors, and energy sources.
- Action Item: CAP Report attached for review.

5. GHG Inventory and CAP Approval

- Motion to approve both reports: Mike
- Seconded by: Cierra
- All in favor: Approved

6. Upcoming Event- “Clayton Spring Fest”

Date & Time: Saturday, May 3, 2025, 10AM-12:PM

Location: Wooden Park, Clayton NY

- Event Planning Updates
 - Event Name: Committee agreed on "Clayton Spring Fest".
 - Flyer Updates:
 - Bridgett created an event flyer; committee provided feedback.
 - Bridgett will revise and distribute the updated version.

- Once finalized, committee members should share via their communication channels.
 - Bridgett to coordinate with Amanda on posting event details on the Village website.
- Confirmed Partner Tables:
 - CCE – Composting demonstration
 - STR – Battery drop-off (small batteries only)
 - TILT – Sustainable bird feeder craft
 - JCPHS
 - Town & Village Table – Seedling planting
 - Hunner’s Market – Clothing swap
 - White’s Lumber
 - GYMO
 - SAFE Club
- Potential Additional Partners (Pending Confirmation):
 - MACNC – Lori to reach out (goal: “seed bomb” activity).
 - Clayton Floral Society – Mike or Nancy to follow up.
 - TIAC – Bridgett to inquire about bird box activity.
 - Delukes – Lori to ask Phil about a rainwater collection demo.
- Tree Planting & Seedling Planning:
 - Mike will coordinate with Cierra & Terry to select and plant a larger tree (e.g., for shade/cooling).
 - Mike & Cierra to determine seedling options.
 - James will provide soil for seedling planting.

7. Miscellaneous Updates

- CSC Taskforce Communications:
 - If you or your organization have relevant updates to share on social media or our upcoming e-blast, please send details to Bridgett McCann at bmccann@tilandtrust.org.
- Action Items:
 - James to send Bridgett the Free Day at Transfer Station flyer.
 - Lori & Bridgett to collaborate on a Clothing Swap graphic incorporating the CSC logo.

8. Next Meeting

- **Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 12:30 PM**