

MEETING MINUTES

Chester County GHG Reduction Task Force Energy/Commercial, Residential, Industrial (RCI) Subcommittee

February 23, 2008
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Attendees:

Dennis Crook, Heartsworth Construction
George Braun, CPA, Sierra Club
Heath Eddy, Honey Brook Township
Bill Finch, Alternative Energy
Heidi Kunsch, PA DEP
Jack Kane, WorleyParsons
Steve Kirschner, Advanced Geoservices
Dr. Tim Lutz, West Chester University
Drew McDowell, 4CP
Bob McKinstry, Co-Chair, Ballard Spahr
Tom O'Donnell, Outreach and Communications and Resources Subcommittees Liaison
Tom Severino, Keystone Property Connections
Sally Silver, Chester County Economic Development Council
Tilo Stahl, Ultrafine Technologies
Vicky Will, Co-Chair, Exelon Power

Via telephone for introductions:

Bruce Arnold, 4CP, National 25 X 25 Steering Committee
Bill Risse, Johnson Controls
Robert Bryer, EHS consultant (retired)
Victoria Laubach, Outreach Subcommittee Liaison

Attendees introduced themselves, their organizations, and areas of interest. Ideas for further evaluation raised during introductions are captured in the "Actions" section below.

The subcommittee reviewed the general process and timeline as explained at the January 30 All Members meeting.

The subcommittee's charter is to develop recommendations by the end of July with specific actions and goals for 2012, 2017 and 2025

Goals must be action-oriented with paybacks identified that can be duplicated in all townships.

County needs a GHG inventory. Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission is doing a regional inventory. Drew McDowell volunteered that 4CP could complete an inventory for the County. **Vicky Will** to follow up with Steve Fromnich on status of DVRPC inventory and County inventory development.

Subcommittee discussed how to structure a goal but did not come to conclusion on whether we would set an absolute reduction target from a baseline year (difficult to do in the absence of an inventory) or a directional goal (such as x% per year) from now.

The subcommittee identified the need to have resources available to complete an analysis of GHG reductions and economic modeling of costs/paybacks of ideas generated. **Bob McKinstry** to follow up with Steve Fromnich.

Subcommittee needs an inventory of available resources for public education. **Tom O'Donnell** will take this to the Outreach Subcommittee.

County needs to have a budget resource identified as well as a Finance Committee of the GHG Reduction Task Force to identify funding options and revenue potential of various GHG reduction actions.

Actions

Bob McKinstry provided a matrix of alternatives to reduce GHG emissions that has been developed by work the Center for Climate Strategies (CCS) has completed in other states. All subcommittee members are to review the ideas in the matrix for the March meeting. **Bob McKinstry** to approach CCS for matrix in a word or excel format, rather than PDF that members have.

Subcommittee members should come to the March meeting with ideas on establishing goals.

The following ideas for further evaluation were generated during the meeting:

- Complete a GHG inventory for the County
- Identify funding to complete economic modeling of recommended actions
- Close loopholes in energy building codes
- Codes for new buildings need to include energy efficiency
- Implement Fuels-for-Schools program
- Complete an evaluation of best practices townships have adopted that could be shared throughout the County
- Impose a County fee on fuel to generate money to support energy conservation
- Enter a regional pact to fund improved public transportation.
- Form a County energy efficiency utility
- County needs outreach to bring greener suppliers into the area
- Evaluate hydroelectric generating opportunities within the County
- Consider reduction in assessments for green buildings
- Evaluate participation in Global Emissions Exchange

Future: Invite County Commissioners to a subcommittee meeting after we have generated some recommendations and goals. **Bob McKinstry** to determine timing.

Future Meetings

- Monday, March 10 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at Chester County Economic Development Council
- Thursday, April 3 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Location TBD.
- Thursday, May 1 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Location TBD.
- Thursday, June 5 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Location TBD.
- Thursday, July 3 (tentative) from 6:00 – 8:00 PM