

MINUTES

Nyack Climate Smart Committee Meeting

September 17, 2025

Attendance: Steve Cea, Kier Levesque, Kelly Rames, Yvonne Rode, Peggy Kurtz, Ian Graham, Marcy Denker

1. CCA

The Community Choice Aggregation program, Rockland Community Power, will not continue. Currently, Westchester Community Power is not prepared to take on accounts beyond Westchester, but an opportunity may open up with them in the near future. After discussing possibly conducting outreach about the end of the program and how individual households can sign up for green electricity contracts on their own, it was agreed that it would be best to wait to see if there is an opportunity with Westchester at the end of the year. More communications right now would likely be very confusing.

2. Transportation

EV chargers

Steve has been helping the Village scope out a fast charger installation, but the funding from the O&R program ran out. Investigations of power requirements for the marina location are underway.

Bike Bus planning is on pause while Maegan takes a break for her new baby. But Marcy mentioned that we need to identify young parents who are interested in this. Peggy suggested reaching out to **Nati** at Congregation Sons of Israel.

3. GHGI

Steve and Ian are getting trained in the new Clear Path tool that will be used for the new greenhouse gas inventory. The inventory will be based on data from 2024, when Nyack was still in the CCA program.

4. Progress on Goals for 2025

Marcy ran through a checklist of this year's Nyack2030 goals, which pasted in below. The goals for waste management have been modified, and now the focus is on a food waste campaign, planning for which is underway.

5. Food Waste Campaign



The size and design of yard signs were discussed. Kelly and Ian will work on getting a plan together. Below is the working design. The group agreed that the signs should be large enough to see from a car passing by. We need to determine an allowable budget for this. We discussed organizing the distribution of a food scrap bag with a message to houses throughout the village.

Reaching property owners about having a sign

- Library names from signups
- Orangetown list
- Village newsletter and social media
- School outreach

Sample bags to door with message

What does the message say? Start with the message on the sign and add as needed.

TOP GOALS FOR 2025

ENERGY & BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Host an Electrify Everything Event/Fair
Install solar on Village Hall, Nyack DPW, and Head Start
Village Hall Net - Zero Project —
 Replace the HVAC with new heat pumps,
 Install new windows
 Complete the conversion of lighting to LEDs
Conduct new greenhouse gas inventories for government and community
Adopt policy for green power procurement
Achieve Silver certification in the Climate Smart Communities program
Increase participation in Community Solar

TRANSPORTATION

Host an Electrify Everything Event/ Fair
Complete Climate Smart actions including Fleet Efficiency Policy, Access to Public Transit, and Traffic-Calming
Establish a regional advisory group including schools, neighboring communities, and key departments and agencies to meet occasionally to coordinate and share information.

Other work this year in addition or instead-

Plan Bike Bus
Participation in regional greenway project

WASTE

- Create and begin to implement a strategy for reducing food waste and improving recycling, including clear goals for a curbside food waste program and reducing regular trash pick-up to one day a week.
- Adopt a Construction and Demolition Waste Policy.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Build on 2024 progress in coordinating community-wide network for creating healthy landscapes with the Nyack Tree Project, Nyack Pollinator Pathway, Upper Nyack Green Committee, Cornell Cooperative Extension and others.

[Trees, NHS, UN panel, UN tree planting]

ADAPTATION

Create a climate vulnerability assessment and adaptation plan. Learn more [here](#).