

**CONNECT Infrastructure and Utilities**  
**Working Group:**  
**Climate Action Planning Subcommittee**  
**Meeting**  
Monday | Apr. 11th, 2022 | 12:00pm  
Via Zoom



**Municipal Attendees:** Patty DeMarco, Forest Hills; Phyllis Anderson, Oakmont; Deneen Underwood, Carnegie Borough; Tara Yaney, Edgewood; Andrew Flynn, Mt. Lebanon;

**Other Attendees:** Jim Price (Sustainable Pittsburgh), Chris Cieslak (Green Building Alliance), Scott Waitlevertch, Ruby Velasco, Ashley DiGregorio (PA Resources Council), John Stephen (Negley Run Watershed), Kelsey Munsick (Tree Pittsburgh), Mark Reardon (Communitopia), Chris Sandvig (Mobilify Southwestern Pennsylvania)

**CONNECT/GSPIA Attendees:** Eric Raabe, Sarah Downing, Ellie Cadden

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## Minutes

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### 1. Introductions & Review Meeting Agenda, Solar Co-Op Announcement

- Attendees filled their names, organizations in the chat, CONNECT reviews meeting agenda

### 2. Announcements: CAP Final Edits and Survey Closing

- With the May legislative session approaching, comments and feedback will need to be completed by April 18th. You can share comments on the website [here](#). You can also view past comments and feedback. The Climate Action Plan survey will also be closing soon at the end of the month. Please complete it and share it around before April 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Forest Hills: Gave a briefing to National Energy and Technology Lab to overview CONNECT and things the region can benefit from in terms of energy efficiency. Had a follow-up on education and outreach events with Net-Zero Carbon task force. Businesses and local governments would be a primary audience.
- GBA: Alerted to a grant opportunity through Google to develop and deploy projects for data-driven climate action efforts. The framework of the 2030 Districts would work with CONNECT's CAP plan to submit an expression of interest. Would appreciate letters of support to pursue the grant.

### 3. Resolution Workshop: Passing the CONNECT Climate Action Plan

- Reviewing and making edits the [CAP Resolution](#) with subcommittee members
- Main points to consider are voluntary participation in the Plan and need for flexibility
- Forest Hills: Need for state and federal support for policy changes to make climate action more amenable to communities in the resolution; include the IPCC report's conclusions
- Mobilify: Need to be careful to not say that other levels of government above local levels are the only ones to act; General Assembly tried to limit municipal regulations regarding emissions, so need to be cognizant of those type of efforts
- CONNECT: Important to provide info on changes and developments on legislation to municipalities
- CONNECT: List of NGO's on the resolution is not necessarily complete; should we just remain broad or try to include all of them; including E&E resolutions; important to not have too much text in the resolution
- Oakmont: Should consider including all or none
- CONNECT: May just include the organizations with direct work in the CAP
- CONNECT: Want to include acknowledgement of other municipalities' climate-related plans
- Forest Hills: Important to include how we are working together, and combined efforts are more effective
- CONNECT: Are there any other action items needed to include?
- Forest Hills: Consolidating data and helping share it will be important to include

- Mt. Lebanon: When we refer to policies, do we mean that we want municipalities to adopt policies as well?
- Mobilify: Yes, they should adopt their own to be self-sustaining
- Rewording it to mean that CONNECT will help develop model policies that can be shared with and adopted by municipalities
- Want to ensure we are encouraging other municipalities to pursue their own plans
- Will be titled "CONNECT Climate Action Plan"

4. **Wrap-Up/Reminders/Other Items**

- CONNECT Retreat next week
- Next Meeting: Monday, May XX 12-1PM.
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