

**GREEN COMMITTEE
AGENDA
MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2018
2:15 P.M.**

PRESENT: Barry Cheney, Chair
Leigh J. Benton, Kevindaryan Lujan, Laurie R. Tautel,
David Church

ALSO

PRESENT: Katie Bonelli, Majority Leader
Antoinette Reed, Legislative Counsel
Kelly Morris, Planner, Planning Department
Janice Whitney, Economic Resiliency, Green Projects and WaterSense Liaison,
Clean Water Division

Chairman Cheney opened the committee meeting at 2:17 p.m. by asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. All committee members were present.

Ms. Janice Whitney addressed the committee with a presentation regarding the **USEPA WaterSense Program** (see original minutes) which included a Tool to Save Water and Energy, Look Out for WaterSense Products, Product Savings, Measuring the Impact and how WaterSense continues to grow, Health and Environmental Program Benefits, Drought Statics and Reports, Organizations who partner with WaterSense, Eligible Promotional Partners, Total Savings from 2006-2016, How to become a Promotional Partner, Partnership Role and Benefits and Outreach and Education to Commercial and Industrial Facilities.

Ms. Tautel suggested that Ms. Whitney contact Barbara Decker regarding the Orange County Association of Town and Villages so that she can be a presenter at an upcoming meeting.

Mr. Cheney asked Ms. Whitney what kind of responses she receives when she speaks with the local municipalities.

Ms. Whitney replied that they are intrigued but some do not sign up. She stated that all of the cities she reached out to have signed up.

Mr. Cheney commented that it is good that the State Building Codes have changed to require that they use the WaterSense faucets and equipment.

Ms. Tautel asked what is required of the county to become a partner.

Ms. Whitney replied that there are no requirements.

Ms. Tautel commented that she is interested in the program and believes the county should conserve when it can; therefore, she is onboard with signing up.

Mr. Lujan asked Ms. Whitney what she noticed regarding the City of Newburgh and how it can do better and who handles the towns, cities, and villages data to make sure it is received.

Ms. Whitney replied that the data does not have to be shared with the program, but she hopes it would be. The county would just have to promote the program and make sure that the towns, villages, and cities sign up. She stated that she went to the council in the City of Newburgh and would be happy to go again and speak with someone because she is aware that there have been a few changes and understands there may not have been time to sign up. An internal discussion needs to take place with the counsel.

Mr. Benton stated that he has not heard a lot of specifics and structure but is not averse to it.

Mrs. Bonelli asked what the interaction is between the organization and the Orange County Water Authority.

Ms. Whitney replied that she met with a few people from the Orange County Water Authority, gave them materials, they signed up and she has attended the festival.

Mrs. Bonelli asked if this committee should be using the resources that the Orange County Water Authority has as far as the educational and promotional aspect it.

Mr. Cheney responded that is a discussion the committee should have. In terms of the county signing up to be a partner, he asked if the Legislature or County Executive is responsible.

Mrs. Reed replied that she has not seen any information with respect to what the requirements are to join. There is an application and if there is an agreement then the County Executive would be responsible. She added that they need more information about the program the promotions and how to get involved.

Mr. Cheney thanked Ms. Whitney for her presentation.

The committee adjourned at 3:25 p.m.