EXECUTIVE CLIMATE CHANGE COORDINATING COUNCIL ADVISORY BOARD

JUNE 30, 2021

Agenda Welcome & Opening Remarks Review of May 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes News from the RIEC4 Discussion of June 3rd Presentation to EC4 and Review of Climate Justice Priorities Discussion of Dashboard for the Act on Climate

Other Business/Announcements

Public Comment

Future Meetings

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REVIEW MINUTES

REPORT FROM EC4

EC4 ADVISORY BOARD

REPORT TO EC4
JUNE 3, 2021

EC4AB Future Priorities

- Continue review of Climate Justice Goals
- Review of dashboards for Act on Climate implementation
- Other Act on Climate implementation
- Climate justice and anti-racism training
- Connect with other state climate programs (MRP,Tree Equity)
- Develop annual report

21 PEOPLE SURVEYED

YOUTH ORGANIZATION,
ENVIRONMENTAL
GROUPS, ENGINEERS,
MUNICIPAL LEADERS,
AFFORDABLE HOUSING
LEADERS, DEVELOPERS,
PLANNERS, FOOD AND
FISHERIES,
SUSTAINABILITY
LEADERS

7 Interviewers

Interviewees: 2 women of color

12 white women

7 white men

INTERVIEWEE
RECOMMENDATIONS
OF ORGANIZATIONS
WHICH SHOULD BE
INCLUDED IN
REVIEWING THE
STATE'S CLIMATE
JUSTICE PRIORITIES

- Advocacy organizations (NAACP)
- Municipal leaders: League of Cities & Towns, local elected officials, boards and commissions (Newport Energy and Environment Commission, Providence ESTF), the American Planning Association RI Chapter
- Emergency management officials (RI Association of Emergency Managers, RIEMA, PEMA)
- RIPTA users, transit advocates, bike/ped advocates
- Housing justice groups, housing equity, homelessness advocates
- Organizations representing people with low-incomes and people of color (e.g., Progresso Latino)
- Trade/technical schools, environmental education groups
- Environmental justice community members across the state (REJC, Wiley Center, One Square World, Health Equity Zones)
- Youth organizations (Youth In Action, Movement Education Outdoors)
- Environmental organizations (New England Grassroots Environment Fund, WRWC, Save The Bay, Clean Ocean Access, Audubon, Save Bristol Harbor)
- Food sovereignty groups, food policy advocates, farmers
- Workforce development organizations (Groundwork RI)
- First nations
- Academic partners

EARLY THEMES

Provide clear definitions, values, acknowledgements and principles

Prioritize this work with staffing and training

Meet people where they are

Proceed at the pace of trust

Address cumulative impacts

Acknowledge and rectify

Representation matters on state boards and decision-making groups

Partner with community-based organizations and compensate them

Move toward collaborative governance with environmental justice communities



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STANCE TOWARDS COMMUNITY	IGNORE	INFORM	CONSULT	INVOLVE	COLLABORATE	DEFER TO
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IMPACT	Marginalization	Preparation or Placation	Limited Voice or Tokenization	Voice	Delegated Power	Community Ownership
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GOALS	Deny access to decision-making processes	Provide the community with relevant information	Gather input from the community	Ensure community needs and assets are integrated into process & inform planning	Ensure community capacity to play a leadership role in decision-making and the implementation of decisions.	Foster democratic participation and equity through community-driven decision-making; Bridge divide between community & governance
MESSAGE TO COMMUNITY	Your voice, needs & interests do not matter	We will keep you informed	We care what you think	You are making us think, (and therefore act) differently about the issue	Your leadership and expertise are critical to how we address the issue	It's time to unlock collective power and capacity for transformative solutions
ACTIVITIES	Closed door meeting Misinformation Systematic Disenfranchisement Voter suppression	Fact sheets Open Houses Presentations Billboards Videos	Public Comment Focus Groups Community Forums Surveys	Community organizing & advocacy Interactive workshops Polling Community forums Open Planning Forums with Citizen Polling	MOU's with Community-based organizations Citizen advisory committees Collaborative Data Analysis Co-Design and Co-Implementation of Solutions Collaborative Decision-Making	Community-driven planning and governance Consensus building Participatory action research Participatory budgeting Cooperative models
RESOURCE ALLOCATION RATIOS	100% Systems Admin	70-90% Systems Admin 10-30% Promotions and Publicity	60-80% Systems Admin 20-40% Consultation Activities	50-60% Systems Admin 40-50% Community Involvement	20-50% Systems Admin 50-70% Community Partners	80-100% Community partners and community-driven processes ideally generate new value and resources that can be invested in solutions

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- Long term structural and systemic forces at play
- Limitations of the role of the Advisory Board
- Engage expertise needed to center marginalized communities most affected by climate injustice
- Advertise broadly for candidates to appoint to the Advisory Board
- Leverage federal investments and private resources
- Align within and across existing state programs to advance climate justice
- Apply the themes broadly across state government
- Mobilize at a scale adequate to the challenge

STRATEGY TO FINALIZE REVIEW OF DRAFT CLIMATE JUSTICE PRIORITIES

DASHBOARD FOR ACT ON CLIMATE

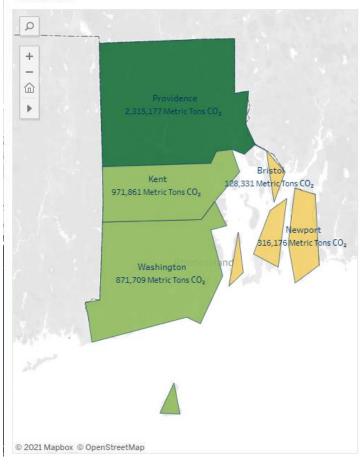
ACT ON CLIMATE DASHBOARD REQUIREMENT

- Foster public transparency by developing public metrics and an online public dashboard that shall track both emissions reductions and sources of energy consumed by the state.
- The metrics and the dashboard shall be updated at least annually.



Transportation Emissions by County

Year: 2005



RI in the Fight Against Climate Change: A Snapshot

Rhode Island is working to combat climate change on many fronts, and this dashboard is designed to highlight a handful of key metrics.



93% toward the goal of increasing RI's clean energy tenfold by 2020

WHY IT MATTERS

A 400MW offshore wind farm can produce approximately one-quarter of all the electricity used by Rhode Islanders annually – without contributing to climate change through greenhouse gas emissions.

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Electric vehicles in Rhode Island have increased 582% from 2015 to the end of 2020.. There are now 3,028 electric vehicles in Rhode Island.

WHY IT MATTERS

Electric vehicles (EVs) are powered by electricity, which as an energy source is cleaner than gas. They produce less pollution than a conventional gas-powered vehicle. Reduced harmful tailpipe pollutants is good news for our health; better air quality will lead to fewer health problems and costs caused by air pollution.

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OTHER BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE
MEETINGS

LAST
WEDNESDAYS
OF THE
MONTH
10:30-NOON

- July 28
- August 25
- September 29
- October 27
- November/December TBD

Meeting materials will be posted on the EC4 Advisory Board webpage

climatechange.ri.gov/state-actions/ec4/ec4-council/advisory-board.php

PUBLIC COMMENT

- PLEASE COME ON VIDEO OR TYPE COMMENTS IN THE CHAT -

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