

**NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF MPOs
CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP
August 19, 2015**

AGENDA

1. Participating
 - A/GFTC – Kate Mance
 - CDTC – Jen Ceponis
 - GTC – Joe Bovenzi
 - NYMTC – Larry McAuliffe
 - PDCTC – Mark Debal, Shelby Tompkins
 - NYSDOT – Colleen Smith-Lemmon
 - NYSERDA – Adam Ruder
 - NYS EFC – Suzanna Randall
 - FHWA – Karen Rosenberger

2. Presentation - Suzanna Randall, Green Program Manager at NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation

[The presentation will be uploaded and made available.]

Randall's presentation focused on the EFC's Green Infrastructure Grant Program. This program, which has been in existence since 2009, primarily funds stormwater infrastructure at the regional and local scale. Green techniques are used to reduce stormwater inflow, which is one method to mitigate combined sewer overflow (CSO) issues.

Reviewed EPA and other literature that is available on the subject, including the Green Values Stormwater Calculator to assist with benefit/cost analysis.

An EPA project in Lancaster reduced the need for capital projects to address CSO while improving walkable streets and livability.

The Green Infrastructure Grant Program awarded \$15 million to 53 projects. Has \$14.85 million in 2015; looking for projects that spur innovation and build green capacity to improve water quality.

Practice areas include:

 - Restoration of wetlands/floodplains/riparian buffers
 - Daylighting
 - Green roofs/green walls
 - Downspout disconnect and bio retention
 - Urban tree canopy restoration
 - Permeable pavement [case study: Lake George village]
 - Bioretention and rain gardens [case study: Buffalo]

3. Partner Agency Updates
 - a. NYSDOT – No update
 - b. NYSERDA
 - Ruder reported Cleaner/Greener applications were due on July 31, review process is underway.
 - The Clean Energy Fund filing occurred at the end of June. Link to document: [NYSERDA Clean Energy Fund Submission](#)
 - Transportation is on pages 142-145 and Communities is on pages 117-123. GHG reduction

is the focus; the transportation element includes 4 focus areas:

- Public transportation
- Travel demand management
- Smart mobility, including connected vehicle and ITS technology
- Electric vehicles

Second round of EV Enabling Technology and Policy proposals due 9/16

Ruder thanked NYSAMPO for the session and presentation opportunity at the 2015 Conference on EV. Appeared it was well received.

c. NYSDEC – No report

4. Other Items/MPO Updates

Mance thanked Larry McAuliffe, who will be retiring soon, for his service to the MPO community and especially the Climate Change Working Group.

McAuliffe responded that the group is doing important work, should continue to do so.

Gayle reported that the White Paper on Sustainability Planning was well received. The MPO Directors will be discussing follow up at their next in-person meeting on Sept 25 – what are key items that can be actively shared among MPOs and NYSDOT under the rubric of Integrated Planning.

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 18, 2015, 1:30 P.M.