

Climate Committee Update: State and Office Initiatives



April 2023

Interagency Council on Climate Resilience

- **Extreme Heat Resilience Action Plan**
 - Analysis of survey results (DEP consultants)
 - Compilation of initial actions identified by state agencies
 - “50% draft homework” due May 17

Natural and Working Lands Strategy

- Partnership between NJDEP and the NJ Department of Agriculture
- Goal: increase carbon sequestration and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in and on farms, forests, grasslands, wetlands and urban lands
- Identify and prioritize near-term, cost-effective and pragmatic solutions, as well as longer-term actions

Process and Timeline

- Scoping Document released – December 2021
- Targeted Stakeholder Sessions – Spring 2023
 - Aquatic Habitats, Tidal and non-Tidal Wetlands
 - Developed Lands
 - Agricultural Lands
 - Forested Lands
- Final NWLS Strategy released –September 2023

March 2023 Stakeholder Sessions

- Numerous recommendations listed
- Targets for 2030 and 2050 identified
 - (e.g., # of new rain gardens)

Office Initiatives

- Electric/hybrid field vehicles (2)
 - RFQ issued
 - Specifications identified
 - Responses due by April 21
- EV charging station
 - Community charging facility
 - Two DCFC (fast charging) stations
 - Grant application due to BPU by May 12

Upcoming Committee meetings

- May 17
 - Discussion of new dual use solar legislation
 - Identification of CMP amendments for solar energy facilities
- July 19
 - Results of management area boundary analysis
 - Discussion of recommendations
- September 20
 - Proposed CMP solar facility amendments