

**AGENDA**  
**NEW HAVEN CLIMATE EMERGENCY TASKFORCE**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 24TH, 2023, 5:15 PM**

The New Haven Climate Emergency Taskforce will meet on Wednesday, May 24th, 2023 at 5:15 PM to on Zoom to discuss the following items:

1. Project updates from the Office of Climate and Sustainability (OCS) staff
  - a. PosiGen and OCS launched [Solar for All campaign](#), a solar lease program that allows homeowners of any income level to go solar with no upfront costs and no credit check.
    - i. We will be bringing PosiGen to Community Management Team meetings and they have signed up for Arts & Ideas neighborhood events
    - ii. Are there additional events or groups that you think might be interested in hearing about PosiGen?
  - b. Green STEP
    - i. The City and Board of Education are partnering with United Illuminating and Eversource to bring the Green STEP program to High School in the Community this July. Green STEP is a month long paid green building, energy efficiency, and renewable energy training and certification program for high school students hosted at High School in the Community this July. Registration is now live with half of spots reserved for New Haven students.
      1. Registration: <http://ow.ly/ix9Q5006ER5>
      2. Program Schedule: <http://ow.ly/2zTN5006zwS>
      3. Program Poster: <http://ow.ly/JW8S500haif>
  - c. Composting and Food Waste Reduction Grant due June 14<sup>th</sup>
    - i. OCS is planning to apply for the USDA Composting and Food Waste Reduction grant, with the potential to help boost food donation and composting in the Downtown area and to support Haven's Harvest and Peels on Wheels efforts throughout the City. Downtown is an area of focus as it would not be part of a composting program run through the City's DPPW refuse division.
  - d. US Department of Transportation Charging & Fueling Infrastructure Grant due June 13<sup>th</sup>
    - i. We are planning to schedule community meetings for feedback on 6 proposed charging station locations, 5 of which are in US DOT disadvantaged communities
    - ii. Plan is to pair education about EV incentives with installations of EV charging stations in areas of the city with high proportions of medium density (2-4 family housing), many units of which lack off street parking for charging EVs
    - iii. Discuss proposed charging station locations
  - e. US Forest Service Urban & Community Forestry due June 1<sup>st</sup>
    - i. We have been working with Urban Resources Initiative and the Department of Parks and Public Works on two complementary proposals, one focused on

- stump removal, tree pit expansion, new tree pit creation, and the planting of 2500 additional trees in environmental justice communities over five years
  - ii. Goal of increasing tree canopy, reducing urban heat island effect, and providing green jobs to 60 residents
2. Discussion Item: How should OCS engage renters and landlords to increase participation in energy efficiency programs?
    - a. Engagement in energy efficiency programs skews heavily towards homeowners. Who should OCS reach out to and how should OCS spread the word to increase participation among non-owner occupied properties? All ideas are welcome.
  3. Update on Climate Emergency Taskforce budget
    - a. A request for agreement has been issued to fund Neighborhood Housing Services' I Heart My Home program with the remaining Climate Taskforce funding. Funds should allow for one-on-one energy coaching with 100-150 New Haven households.
  4. New membership
    - a. Please let us know if you have recommendations of new members for the Taskforce.
    - b. Discussion of ideas for outreach to new members.

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