

Land Use and Local Government Advisory Panel Meeting
Meeting #3
Teleconference - WebEx
Wednesday, October 29, 2020
1PM-2:15PM

At a Glance

- The LULGAP was presented with a revised scope of work with redlines incorporating comments from previous panel meetings and subgroup meetings.
- Emerging themes and priorities that had been developed since Meeting 2 were presented by the Staff Working Group leads
- An open discussion was held to determine if there were large-scale or high-impact themes that were not yet captured.
- The recommendation development process was presented and questions/comments were accepted from the panel members
- An overview of the external engagement process was presented for feedback from the LULGAP
- Upcoming LULGAP meetings 4 and 5 were scheduled for Nov 12 (later changed to Nov 19) and Dec 3, 2020. An Adaptation and Resilience subgroup meeting was scheduled for Nov 5, 2020.

Present

WebEx: 62 public and staff attendees plus 13 panel members, 3 agency staff and 2 WebEx hosts

Advisory Panel: Sarah Crowell, LULGA Chair, Mark Lowery, Jessica Bacher, Jayme Breschard-Thomann, Juan Camilo Osorio, Kevin Law, Katie Malinowski, Kathy Moser, Priya Mulgaonkar, Gita Nandan, Ed Marx, Eric Walker,

Agency Staff: Paul Beyer (Presenter)-DOS, Brad Tito (Presenter)-NYSERDA, Josh Hunn-DOS

Webex Hosts: Andrea Linton. Maria K

Welcome, Agenda Review, Introductions

Sarah Crowell, LULG AP Chair: Welcomed the Advisory Panel members and asked Josh Hunn to do a roll call of panel members. Sarah reviewed the agenda.

Land Use and Local Government Advisory Panel (LULG AP)Work Plan Review

Sarah Crowell: Presented the work plan that had been revised based on previous comment and discussion and would be finalized at today's meeting

Emerging Themes and Priorities: Land Use and Local Government Advisory Panel (LULG AP)Work Plan Review

Paul Beyer and Brad Tito: Presented emerging themes and priorities that had developed since the last panel meeting. Themes presented were a result of multiple subgroup meetings that had taken place. Sarah, Paul and Brad then moderated a panel discussion in response to the question below:

Panel Discussion: Are there any remaining large-scale or high impact themes that we have not yet addressed?

Juan Camilo Osorio: On Land use – thanks for including several recommendations. On the language of bullet on streamlining, the actual language should explicitly say that this doesn't weaken but or reduce public input. Regarding incentives and regulations, important to highlight that we're talking about financing mechanisms that don't yet exist. Also, need to explore shared ownership and community infrastructure. Need to make sure that no improvements result in additional EJ impacts

Ed Marx: On Land use – importance of forest protection and carbon sequestration was not covered (Sarah – yes, cross sectoral issue with Ag and Forestry). Role of IDA's in terms of providing incentives (Paul -yes alternative financing encouraged)

Katie Malinowski: Supports forestry focus and appreciates changes

Priya Mulgaonkar: On streamlining approvals agrees with the points that Juan made. Municipalities will play a key role. There has been a lot of struggle accessing programs such as those administered by NYSERDA. Since every NYS agency will be required to consider equity and mitigation in their programs, would like to elevate the role community orgs can play as part of this process

Eric Walker: A lot of overlap between clean energy and land use, how do we start thinking about cross-walking some of that. Role that LG's will play with various sectors of community – curious how we may want to articulate that coordination. Various outposts, USDN or C40, talking about this collaboration. Something that it's clearly an interest and we need to figure out to address it.

(Sarah – agree, important not to be silo-ing ourselves)

Jessica Bacher: On streamlining approvals it is important to recognize role of LG in approving projects. (Paul Beyer – experience working with presumptive negative declarations?) Yes, related to GEIS and the idea of revolving funds so more communities can do those. Checklist of redevelopment readiness. Could talk more about this for the subgroup.

Recommendation Development Process

Sarah Crowell: Discussed the general process for recommendation development, moving from themes to strategies to recommendations.

Priya Mulgaonkar: What do we mean by cross-panel? (Sarah clarified)

Ed Marx: Are our recommendations for local government's or the state? (Sarah: this is a State scoping plan. Actions that state can take to assist and support LG's. State component but directed to assist LG/s. Don't want to dictate what LG's should do without identifying a way to support them.)

External Engagement and Next Steps

Sarah Crowell: discussed the upcoming opportunities for external engagement

- Nov: Meetings with outside experts and panel member outreach
- Nov/Dec and Feb: Local official roundtables
- Dec/Jan: Virtual public forum to solicit broad feedback on recommendations
- Ongoing: Public can provide input by email using a dedicated email address (LULG@dos.ny.gov)

Gita Nandan: Leverage networks, Gita to share link to google survey in chat for panel members to share with their networks so they are representing a broad audience.

Eric Walker: Could Ann Thane send us over some language to send local officials? how should we bridge the gap between conversations we've had and what Ann will be sending? (Sarah – LG roundtable will be limited to a manageable group that we invite; Gita's survey may serve the role your asking about)

On Outside Experts – I can provide a small list, do you welcome any suggestions and how would you like to receive them? (Sarah- yes, via email to me)

Sarah Crowell: discussed the upcoming meetings and working sessions, as follows:

- Upcoming working sessions
 - Adaptation and Resilience: November 5, 2020
 - Land Use: tbd
 - Clean Energy: tbd
- Upcoming Panel meetings:
 - Meeting #4: November 12, 2020
 - Meeting #5: December 3, 2020
- Upcoming CAC Meeting
 - November 24, 2020
- Panel members reach out to individual networks and continue to provide feedback

Group discussion on scheduling A/R Subgroup, decided it will be scheduled for 2-4pm on Nov 5th

Adornment at 2:15pm