

2023 June 20, City of Geneva Green Committee Monthly Meeting, Welcome Center

Present: Richard Cox, Co-Chair; Anne Hoyt, Co-Chair; Jan Regan, City Council Liaison; Pat Wallace, Marcia Cullen, Larry Campbell, Jacob Fox, Geneva High School Green Club members Roan Magee, Griffin, Desmond

1, Report from Anne about the IPM workshop she attended and how it can help us at the lakefront and throughout the City: the keynote speaker is involved with the Cornell University's birdwatch program and lives in Saratoga. An IPM employee is involved in Our Land Our Water protection. 90k Facebook friends. We should have our own Facebook page; GHSGC will do. Blocks in Bloom, Rochester underserved neighborhoods ID a block captain volunteer to recruit 6 households to work w a Master Gardener volunteer to plant donated flowers in front yards then apply donated mulch; community project, ice cream socials, international gardening association awards. JR: 2 City employees also attended: DPW, and BID.

2, JF: backyard compost funding grant free to homeowners, 2 versions: black plastic, or wire (less expensive), first come first served. Should offer composting workshop. Meeting w Ami and Joe (July 11th?). near the rt 5&20 state park entrance is an area of mowed grass that could be converted to a native pollinator plants meadow w biodiversity. Amara Dunn has experience. July deadline for CFA grant applications, stormwater-heavy. Filtration needed. Ian Smith input. Castle Creek erosion near baseball fields, Brook St tennis courts. Need to address burned out store on corner of Castle and Oak Sts, need funds, being looked at by developer; meanwhile, 5 more feet have eroded away. Marsh Creek oil spill probably happens repeatedly, ongoing; need a boom to catch oil spills. (County) Soil & Water. Calls to Geneva Resource Recovery Park aren't being answered or returned. City can earn money for Clean Energy Communities/ ClimateSmart Communities. Town of Geneva got a grant for a \$25k EV + \$85k.

3, JF: HeatSmart energy efficiency NYS goal: convert fossil fuels to electric, increase efficiency, create jobs (e.g., in Lakeview neighborhood. JF and Mark Venuti. Incentives (light bulbs, door sweeps, weatherization) paid for in NYSEG bills.

4, RC: NJ is the only US state w climate curriculum K-12. Do that here? RC suggests 3 books: Greta Thunberg's Climate Book; All We Can Save; It's Not Too Late.

5, JF: Dept of Ag Farm Bill: make comments during open window, e.g., that you're in favor of biodiversity as opposed to monocropping

6, AH: regarding Weeding Wednesdays, we're very far behind schedule. BID will provide 2 staff members to work with us.

7, RM: GHSGC projects: trash clean-up, Mission Zero. Also want to get Casella/County money for solid waste management to use food scraps generated at school to make compost, divert from landfill. JF: send it to Growing Cycle. Casella/County should pay for waste audit signed off on by director of facilities. JF is employed by City/Town for 18 months and can work w GHSGC on this grant and initiative. When the West St School did this one year, RC told Superintendent Gonzales that it would empower the students., help them save their futures. Another GHSGC project: solar panels on schools, starting w HS. Grant funding?