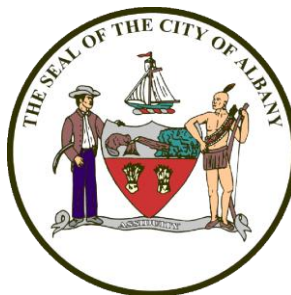


Fifth Annual Report of the City of Albany Sustainability Advisory Committee

May 31, 2020 - June 30, 2021



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Message From the Chair

Since our last report in May 2020, the Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) has worked to sharpen its focus and re-think its priorities in order to meaningfully contribute to the sustainability goals of the City of Albany and its residents. We continued to meet remotely this year despite the challenges of the pandemic and updated the Committee by-laws to meet monthly (instead of bi-monthly) to promote greater communication and follow-through. Subcommittees were encouraged to meet regularly on a pre-established schedule to help facilitate new membership. While we saw several SAC members step away from an active role, we were happy to welcome three new members who bring their own unique experience and leadership skills to the SAC. We were proud to add a new subcommittee to our roster - Environmental Equity - and now have 7 standing subcommittees.

We continue to benefit from the support of the City's full-time Energy Manager, Jason West. In 2020, Jason completed the 2019 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory for the City of Albany which helped us identify the major greenhouse gas-producing sectors in the city so we could focus our efforts on reducing emissions. Toward this end, the SAC is currently working on a Climate Emergency Action Plan and proposed budget, to accompany the Climate Emergency Resolution passed by the Common Council in May of this year. Some highlights of SAC accomplishments since last June include assisting the City in the development and roll out of the Albany Composts program, increased outreach to residents through Farmers Markets, virtual presentations to Neighborhood Associations and other organizations, the creation of a dedicated [SAC webpage](#) with an online form for resource information and volunteer recruitment, expanded use of Facebook and Instagram to promote SAC events, promoting energy efficiency and electrification through the [HeatSmart Capital Region](#) website, supporting installation of the first City-owned EV charging stations, and an ongoing partnership with SUNY Albany that provides the SAC with SUNY liaisons and interns. The SAC remains committed to providing the City and its residents with the ideas, information and guidance needed to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and meet a changing climate with resilience and preparedness.

Tina Lieberman
Chair, City of Albany Sustainability Advisory Committee

Introduction

In accordance with City of Albany General Code Section 42-137, the Sustainability Advisory Committee (the “SAC” or the “Committee”) hereby submits the annual report for 2020-2021 to the Common Council and the Mayor, summarizing the activities of the Committee and its subcommittees.

This report has been prepared with input from all SAC members and is being submitted as of July 23, 2021. The Committee respectfully requests that a copy of this report be made available publicly in electronic format on the Sustainability Advisory Committee section of the City website at <https://www.albanyny.gov/342/Sustainability-Advisory-Committee>. The Committee further advises all elected officials and members of the public that we would be happy to share this report and present the activities of the SAC at future public forums, neighborhood association meetings, and other outreach events. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all meetings of the SAC were streamed via the Mayor’s Office of Energy and Sustainability Facebook page, as well as the Sustainable Albany Facebook page with in-person meetings scheduled to start again in August 2021.

The past thirteen months saw extraordinary challenges, with communities facing unparalleled hardships and people coming together to support one another in a critical time of need. Through the challenges of the COVID pandemic, the SAC continued to meet virtually via Zoom to continue to promote, identify and support actions by the City of Albany to meet sustainability goals that promote social, physical, and ecological well-being. The global pandemic spotlighted inequities in public health, housing, employment, transportation, food, and the environment. The SAC has and will continue to seek and promote sustainable actions that can be taken locally to protect and enhance quality of life for all.

SAC and Subcommittees

From May 2020 through June of 2021, SAC meetings have continued to be held virtually over Zoom. The SAC met in July, August, and October of 2020. At the October meeting, a measure was passed to update the SAC by-laws and make SAC meetings monthly, with the additional meetings used as an opportunity for presentations on subject matter related to the work of the SAC and to provide enhanced continuity and engagement.

Additionally, the SAC and subcommittees at large are working collectively to identify projects and costs as part of a Climate Emergency Action Plan to provide actionable items for the Climate Emergency Resolution that was passed in 2021. Subcommittee members are also reviewing a list of actions that can be taken as part of the Climate Smart Communities and Clean Energy Communities programs to help inform the Climate Emergency Action Plan and identify actions the city can undertake to further its participation in these programs.

The subcommittees are an important link between the SAC and the City of Albany and serve as a venue for members of the public and subject matter experts to participate and voice their

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recommendations for the City’s engagement in sustainability efforts. A revamping of the City of Albany webpage allowed for a standalone SAC page to be created which includes an online form that provides the public with information on each of the SAC’s subcommittees and a way to submit a request for more information or to volunteer. A flyer with similar information was also created to be handed out at farmer’s markets this summer.

Thirteen Month Summary

From May 31, 2020 through June 30, 2021, progress was made on several stated priorities through the work of each SAC subcommittee. Membership on the subcommittees is open to the public at the discretion of each subcommittee chair. Subcommittee meeting notices are advertised internally to the SAC members and externally through the website and social media. Those interested in serving on a subcommittee should contact the subcommittee chair via sac@albanyny.gov. The Sustainability Advisory Committee consists of the following 7 subcommittees: Energy, Water, Transportation, Zero Waste Education, Community Outreach, Urban Agriculture and the new Environmental Equity subcommittee which was established in January 2021. A detailed summary of activities for each subcommittee can be found below.

Energy Subcommittee

Chair: Pete Sheehan

Overview: The Energy Subcommittee (ES) is a dynamic group of approximately 10 City residents who work in the energy field or have an interest in helping the City and its residents switch to renewable energy and move toward a higher level of energy efficiency. Since its inception, the ES has focused on many aspects of energy efficiency and renewable energy in order to make the measures and technology available to Albany residents - with particular emphasis on under-served/environmental justice communities within the City.

Actions and Accomplishments:

Adoption of Stretch Codes: The Energy Subcommittee has been working on this issue since its inception in 2014. In sum, Stretch Codes are a compendium of improvements to current New York Energy Codes created by NYSERDA, which incorporate more stringent energy efficiency measures in new and existing residential and commercial buildings. This includes higher levels of insulation, more effective sealing of air gaps and installation of heat pump technology for high efficiency heating and cooling, among other measures. It was one of the key recommendations for the City of Albany contained within the document titled “*Five Cities Energy Plan*” produced by the New York Power Authority – in 2014. The ES believes very firmly that the recommendations contained within the Albany section of the report (it also includes Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and Yonkers) are just as relevant today and have been the guidepost for many of the ES’s actions and recommendations. The Plan is also wholly consistent with the state’s Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA.)

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The City of Albany's Planning and Building Departments were reluctant to adopt the NYSERDA Stretch Codes for the City due to the anticipated initial increase in costs on developers and building owners. This would lead to Albany having a competitive disadvantage in terms of attracting development compared to nearby communities such as Schenectady and Troy. The ES subsequently reached out to planning officials and staff in these two cities to encourage their adoption of Stretch Codes. At present, those municipalities have also expressed reluctance to adopt the Stretch Codes. *See below for inclusion of Stretch Code adoption on statewide basis in letter to CLCPA officials.*

Creation of Letter to the Energy Efficiency and Housing Advisory Panel of the New York State Climate Action Council: The ES worked for approximately two months on various drafts of this letter containing the recommendations listed below. All the subject matter recommendations were discussed in detail during the meetings leading up to the date of the final letter of February 8, 2021. The letter was created by the ES, approved by the SAC and subsequently remitted to the Climate Action Council by Mayor Kathy Sheehan. The key recommendations were:

- Implement more stringent building codes for all of New York State excepting perhaps NY City which recently put forth their own stringent standards – Local Law 97. *(See above for Stretch Code discussions.)*
- Codify the Home Energy Score (HES) system into New York State law for real estate valuations and listings. *(This is a market-based approach adopted from the Five Cities Master Plan and further developed by the ES.)*
- Strengthen funding sources and provide both tax credits and subsidized front-end financing for middle to high-income households for energy retrofits. *(ES members heard from numerous City residents regarding the lack of funding for these efforts and therefore determined that this population needed funding sources to stimulate more residential energy retrofits.)*
- Ensure that outreach and education, including technical support to the public for energy efficiency programs/incentives, are as effective as possible in order to be well understood by all New York residents. *(The ES will pursue with the Water Department creation of an energy efficiency educational insert to be sent with all water bills).*
- Make the Empire State Plaza and Capitol a model of renewable energy infrastructure. *(The ES invited John Ciovacco of Aztech Geothermal to its April 2021 meeting to discuss developments in the efforts to assist the NYS Office of General Services, National Grid and other parties to develop geothermal energy potential in the Plaza and Sheridan Hollow areas of the City. This collaboration is ongoing.)*
- Prioritize disadvantaged communities for implementation of renewable energy and energy conservation measures. *(The ES spent considerable time discussing the issues that disadvantaged communities have with access to programs that support these*

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measures, which are provided mainly by NYSERDA and National Grid. This is also a critical component of the CLCPA which mandates that spending on disadvantaged communities be at levels of approximately 35% of spending on climate/energy provisions in the law.)

- Provide needed resources to develop a much needed “energy efficiency workforce”. *(This is also an important facet of the CLCPA and the ES is continuing to discuss the most effective ways in which the City of Albany and its non-profit partners can create this workforce.)*

Support and Collaboration with City Energy Manager: Jason West, the City Energy Manager, provided periodic updates on his activities during this time period. One of the key continuing activities is monitoring the Energy Manager system installed a few years ago by NYPA which provides monthly energy usage reports of City-owned buildings and is an invaluable asset for the City and the Energy Manager. Another important activity is the ongoing installation of electric vehicle charging stations within the City as duly reported by the City Energy Manager. The ES commends the City Energy Manager for the hard work and dedication in establishing charging stations. There will be charging stations in Swinburne Park and other City-owned parcels in the near future and the ES will be kept apprised of the developments.

Water Subcommittee

Chair: Gabriella Cebada Mora

Overview: The Water Subcommittee works with the City of Albany Water Department (AWD) to help identify measures to enhance sustainability and resilience throughout the Department, with a key focus on the development of a Sustainability Plan for the AWD. The committee also focuses on enhancing public awareness and understanding of the city’s drinking water and wastewater systems, supporting the Water Department in pursuing sustainable projects, and cross-sectional collaboration with other subcommittees.

Actions and Accomplishments:

The Water Subcommittee chair, Laurie Wheelock, stepped down from the SAC at the end of 2020. Gabriella Cebada Mora took on the role of subcommittee chair.

The Water Subcommittee was able to achieve or make substantial progress on several of the goals identified in the fourth SAC report including:

- Establish a standing meeting date and time
 - A standing meeting was established for the Water Subcommittee for the last Tuesday of every month from 6-7pm. Meetings have been held via Zoom. A total of six (6) meetings have been held during this reporting period. A meeting has been held once a month since January 2021, except for March.
- Creating the "Sustainable Operations and Facility Planning" document for the Water Department to identify ways to lower GHG emissions:
 - Working with Indu Lnu at SUNY Albany, a 2-hour workshop was coordinated and

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held on November 17, 2020, with Albany Water Department staff to discuss and solicit feedback on a Draft Climate Action & Sustainability Plan. Feedback from the meeting was incorporated into a matrix of goals and potential actions for the AWD to consider. The Water Subcommittee provided feedback on the matrix and ideas on how the matrix could be carried forward for AWD staff to continue to refine and identify key actions to take to improve sustainability.

- Greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory of the AWD facilities and vehicles.
 - AWD worked with Jason West, City of Albany Energy Manager, to complete a GHG inventory for AWD facilities and vehicles to help promote the transition of cars and equipment to electric from oil and gas

The Water Subcommittee continues to pursue building a base of members and volunteers to help promote the work of the AWD and educate the public on city water and wastewater supply, management, and challenges. The AWD has undertaken projects such as the daylighting of [Patroon Creek in Tivoli Preserve](#) to help improve water quality and mitigate local flooding impacts. The project received an honorable mention in the US Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean Water State Revolving Fund's George F. Ames Performance and Innovation in the SRF Creating Environmental Success (PISCES) program for an exceptional project and was highlighted nationally. In April of 2021, work began on [Beaver Creek Clean River Project](#) to reduce sewer overflows into the Hudson River. This will have a large impact on Hudson River water quality and is a major improvement to city infrastructure.

The AWD also continues ongoing work to protect the Alcove Reservoir through a Conservation Easement with the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy and the Forest Management Plan and Voluntary Carbon Credit program with The Nature Conservancy.

Moving forward, the subcommittee is working with AWD to identify ways to raise public awareness and engagement on the AWD's work and programs, such as lead pipe assessments and replacements. The subcommittee is also working to identify additional areas for engagement such as opportunities to adapt to and enhance the resilience of both built infrastructure and shoreline environments to climate change impacts such as intense rain events and flooding.

Transportation Subcommittee

Chair: Harriet Lewis

Overview: The Transportation Subcommittee focuses on three priority areas: Complete Streets Implementation, Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Implementation, and Development of a Transportation Safety Education Campaign. Subcommittee members have helped identify priority streets for the City's Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan, created and implemented a public survey to gather data on Electric Vehicle infrastructure needs in the City, and have provided feedback on various transportation safety initiatives and traffic studies.

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Actions and Accomplishments:

The Transportation Subcommittee did not meet during the time period of this report since the former chair, Sandra Misiewicz, resigned in 2020. However, Harriet Lewis, who joined the SAC in April 2021, has become the new subcommittee chair and is actively working to restart the work of the subcommittee.

Although the subcommittee did not meet, the City of Albany has worked towards and implemented a number of major transportation initiatives:

The CDTA opened the River Corridor Bus Rapid Transit Line (Blue Line), providing service from Albany's South End through Menands, Colonie, Watervliet, Troy, Cohoes and Waterford. CDTA is also currently building the on-road infrastructure to support implementation of the Washington-Western BRT line (Purple Line) from Downtown Albany to Crossgates Mall. The electric bus pilot began in 2020 with 4 buses. CDTA is currently exploring options to add EV infrastructure and power supply at CDTA garages to provide the capacity needed to expand the EV bus fleet.

The City of Albany completed the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. Many board members and members of the public actively participated during commenting and development of that plan.

The City of Albany is also working with NYSDOT to implement several pedestrian safety projects at various locations in the City to provide crosswalks, pedestrian countdown timers and other infrastructure to improve visibility of pedestrians to drivers and to provide safe crossing locations for pedestrians.

The City of Albany also completed the South End Connector Trail, providing a critical link between the Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail to the Mohawk-Hudson Bike Trail in downtown Albany. Capitalize Albany has begun implementation of the Albany Skyway, re-purposing an I-787 ramp from Clinton Square area to Albany's Riverfront.

Zero Waste Education Subcommittee

Chair: Tina Lieberman

Overview: The Zero Waste Education Subcommittee is focused on outreach to the public regarding the importance of reducing waste. Since food scraps don't belong in the landfill, the committee actively is promoting composting: in the backyard, at one of the community compost drop-off sites, or with a paid pick-up service. Subcommittee members are also active in the Zero Waste Capital District group which can be found at [ZeroWasteCD.org](https://zerowasteCD.org) and on Facebook and Instagram.

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Actions and Accomplishments:

The Zero Waste Education Subcommittee met 12 times over the course of the 2020 to 2021 reporting period. Substantial progress was made on several initiatives.

Divert organics from landfills. This initiative has several objectives including: reducing food waste, rescuing edible food, increasing backyard & community composting, and exploring future ordinances. The subcommittee helped the Department of General Services (DGS) develop the [Albany Composts](#) program consisting of three voluntary options: a) backyard composting b) free drop-off of food scraps at a community compost drop off site or c) sign up for a door-to-door paid pick up service. The program was launched on May 6, 2021. The Zero Waste Education Subcommittee hopes to continue to develop drop-off sites, to look for funding sources for compost processing, to reach out to food pantries on composting and to continue to lay the groundwork for food rescue efforts.

Outreach and education to community. This initiative focuses on reducing food waste by educating residents about food waste reduction, food rescue and composting. In this reporting period, the subcommittee helped DGS create compost signage, a brochure, a video and a quiz for the Albany Composts program, arranged and assisted with tabling at 3 Albany Farmers Markets in 2021 to publicize the Albany Composts program, delivered a Food Waste Reduction presentation to the Albany Public Library, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Helderberg Neighborhood Association and the Albany Guardian Society. Future goals for the subcommittee include continued residential outreach, establishing a "composting 101" presentation series, and working to achieve a year one goal of 10-15% of households composting as a result of the launch of the Albany Composts program. Additionally, Zero Waste plans to reach out to restaurants and small commercial producers about food waste reduction, donations, and composting options.

Explore enabling Albany to process organics from commercial producers in response to NYS Food Donation & Food Scraps Recycling Law, which goes into effect Jan.1, 2022.

Subcommittee members met several times with the Center for EcoTechnology to explore options on processing organics from commercial producers. A proposal for a feasibility study for a commercial facility is on hold until suitable land can be found for a public-private partnership.

Develop a long-term Zero Waste plan to include diverting more non-organics from landfills.

The subcommittee is beginning to review possible actions and timelines to present in a draft proposal to achieve a significant reduction in municipal solid waste over an approximate ten-year span. The proposed path forward would be to reduce landfill waste by initially providing voluntary options for waste reduction such as composting choices and reuse/repair centers, and then create cost incentives that encourage people to refuse, reduce, reuse, repair and recycle (in that order) before they throw into the landfill.

Urban Agriculture Subcommittee

Chair: Scott Kellogg

Overview: The Urban Agriculture subcommittee acts as a liaison between community-based and grassroots advocates for food sovereignty and urban agriculture and the city of Albany. It identifies legal barriers that block the implementation of local food solutions, and searches for opportunities for meaningful and reciprocal partnerships. As there is a necessary plurality and multiplicity of approaches to urban agriculture, the subcommittee in no way tries to act as an umbrella for this decentralized community of practice, but rather as a tool for communication and collaboration. Past successes include the legalization of chickens in Albany.

Actions and Accomplishments:

The Urban Agriculture subcommittee continued to identify opportunities for collaboration and incentive. The subcommittee continued to support the work of building local food security as a means of responding to the challenges of the Coronavirus pandemic: supporting growers of all types with an emphasis on the intersection of urban agriculture and environmental justice.

Community Outreach Subcommittee

Chair: Daniel Kirk-Davidoff

Overview: The Outreach Subcommittee meets on the third Wednesdays of each month from 7-8 pm via Zoom. The Subcommittee is focused on identifying the community's concerns and aspirations for Albany's sustainability, communicating the SAC's activities, connecting Albany citizens with resources for sustainability available from State agencies and other organizations, and organizing public cooperation to improve the sustainability of Albany's housing, open space, and business activities.

Actions and Accomplishments:

The Outreach Subcommittee met six (6) times during the reporting period. The basic function of the subcommittee is to increase awareness of the Sustainability Advisory Committee, what the Committee does, and what the Committee and the City of Albany are working on in terms of sustainability initiatives. Basic outreach functions include presenting to neighborhood associations, presenting to other voluntary organizations (i.e. Albany Bicycle Coalition and Walkable Albany), tabling at public events, and reaching out to EV owners/potential owners. Many members of SAC have volunteered their time at a number of meetings across the City of Albany, farmer markets, and the annual Renewable Energy and Sustainability Fair.

The Outreach Subcommittee is particularly focused on establishing a Weatherization Volunteer Corps. Over the past year, the subcommittee has built connections with True Building Performance, Hudson Valley Community College, NYSERDA, and especially the University of

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Albany. The subcommittee works closely with Dr. Mary Ellen Mallia, Director of the Office of Environmental Sustainability at the University of Albany, and has potentially engaged a student coordinator. The subcommittee will remain focused on finding potential training locations, trainers, funding and resources, as well as potential clients or homeowners.

Finally, Outreach is excited to work with the Environmental Equity Subcommittee in assisting with video production of an environmental equity documentary.

Environmental Equity Subcommittee

Chair: Andre Lake

Overview: The goal of the subcommittee is to build awareness, create access, and mobilize action plans in underserved communities to improve environmental equity. This subcommittee focuses on several factors that will improve the lives of low-income residents and their neighborhoods including home ownership, weatherization, wealth creation, workforce development, renewable energy, recycling, environmental justice and mental health.

Actions and Accomplishments:

The Sustainability Advisory Committee's newest subcommittee, the Environmental Equity subcommittee officially started in January 2021.

As the newest subcommittee, the current focus has been on planning and building partnerships. The subcommittee is actively working on an environmental equity documentary. The filming of the documentary is scheduled to end in July, with an anticipated release in September. The film will look at the impact of redlining on health (both physical and mental), the environment, and jobs.

This summer, members of the subcommittee plan to table at farmer's markets to increase public awareness and build partnerships with members of the community.

Conclusions

During 2020-2021, the Sustainability Advisory Committee continued to implement priorities and recommendations identified in its Annual Reports. The pandemic continued to require engagement to be conducted virtually, but the SAC has gained proficiency in conducting virtual meetings, and the virtual component has provided a platform and ability to enhance public outreach and engagement. Collectively, the SAC and subcommittees are working to clarify and prioritize objectives to achieve goals established in existing City of Albany climate mitigation and adaptation plans and meet the needs of new initiatives like the Climate Emergency Action Plan. An assessment of these existing documents and new proposals will allow for an adaptive management approach of the identified goals and objectives and the ability to leverage actions across departments to enable more effective and efficient actions.

The SAC saw transitions in two of its subcommittees, Transportation and Water, but also welcomed the new Environmental Equity Subcommittee. Three new members also joined the SAC ranks: Harriet Lewis, Jackie Gonzales, and Hyde Clarke; as we say thank you to members who have stepped down after serving on the SAC for the past several years: Laurie Wheelock, Sandy Misiewicz, and Allison Bradley.

Appendix 1: Sustainability Advisory Committee Background and Membership

Meeting dates

During the reporting period, the SAC met on the first Thursday of even-numbered months until October 2020, when a measure was passed to meet every month, with the meetings held on odd-numbered months used to facilitate speaker presentation on issues related to SAC work. During the May 2020 to June 2021 reporting period, the SAC met on the following dates. These meetings were held virtually via Zoom and open to the public via livestreaming on Facebook.

1. June 4, 2020	7. February 4, 2021
2. August 6, 2020	8. March 4, 2021
3. October 8, 2020	9. April 1, 2021
4. November 5, 2020	10. May 6, 2021
5. December 3, 2020	11. June 3, 2021
6. January 7, 2021	

Membership

The SAC is comprised of 15 voting members, including five Mayoral appointees, five Common Council appointees, and five municipal representatives from key city departments including the City Engineer, Deputy Commissioner of General Services, Commissioner of Water, Director of Planning and Development and the head of the Albany Police Department's Traffic Safety Unit (or their designee).

Between May 2020 to June 2021 the following individuals served on the SAC. Members who left or resigned during the period are indicated in italics.

Name	Appointing Authority/ City Department Representative
Tina Lieberman Education Chair, Sierra Club Hudson-Mohawk Group NYS Education Department, Office of Special Ed (joined January 2018)	Common Council
Scott Kellogg Educational Director Radix Ecological Sustainability Center	Mayor
Pete Sheehan Utility Analyst III NYS Department of Public Service	Common Council

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Ewa Sobczynska Policy Specialist World Bank	Mayor
Daniel Kirk-Davidoff Lead Research Scientist Renewables UL (joined May 2018)	Common Council
Andre Lake Licensed Real Estate Salesperson eXp Realty (joined January 2018)	Common Council
Gabriella Cebada Mora NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (joined 2020)	Common Council
Edward Hyde Clark Associate Attorney Young / Sommer LLC (joined 2020)	Mayor
Harriet Lewis Senior Transportation Analyst NYS Department of Transportation (joined April 2021)	Mayor
Jackie Gonzales Historian Historical Research Associates, Inc (joined April 2021)	Mayor
Laurie Wheelock (resigned 2020) <i>Staff Attorney, Public Utility Law Project (joined January 2018)</i>	<i>Mayor</i>
Sandra Misiewicz (resigned 2020) <i>Principal Transportation Planner Capital District Transportation Committee</i>	<i>Mayor</i>
Allison Bradley (resigned 2020) <i>Analyst Finance Committee, NYS Senate (joined January 2018)</i>	<i>Mayor</i>
Frank Zeoli Deputy Commissioner	Department of General Services
Joseph E. Coffey, Jr., P.E. Commissioner	Department of Water and Water Supply
Randy Milano City Engineer	Department of General Services, Engineering Division
Bill Trudeau Supervisor	Traffic Engineering, Albany Police Department
Lauren Alpert Principal Planner (joined May 2021)	Department of Planning and Development
Chris Spencer (resigned 2021) <i>Commissioner</i>	<i>Department of Planning and Development</i>

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Appendix 2: SAC Subcommittees

Subcommittee Name	Chair (and SAC Members)	Meeting Dates
Water	Gabriella Cebada Mora (Commissioner Joe Coffey)	9-3-20, 1-26-21, 2-23-21 4-27-21, 5-25-21, 6-29-21
Energy	Pete Sheehan	June 2, 2020 September 1, 2020 November 17, 2020 December 15, 2020 January 2, 2021 March 11, 2021 April 13, 2021
Transportation	Harriet Lewis (Bill Trudeau)	None held
Community Outreach	Dan Kirk- Davidoff	Nov 30, 2020; January 4, 2021; February 17, 2021; March 17, 2021; April 21, 2021, May 19, 2021, June 22, 2021.
Urban Agriculture	Scott Kellogg	Meetings structured informally and occur at irregular intervals as needed
Zero Waste Education	Tina Lieberman	6/22/20, 7/27/20, 8/24/20 10/26/20, 11/23/20, 12/28/20 1/25/21, 2/22/21, 3/22/21 4/26/21, 5/24/21, 6/28/21
Environmental Equity	Andre Lake	2/16/2021, 3/24/2021 3/15/2021, 5/27/2021