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What is the role of this committee?

- Focus on moving CCA forward (“big picture”)
- Need sub-groups to work on different components
- Inform Local government about CCA
- Largely educational

Reactions to 5/26/20 Webinar

- Informative
- Want to hear more about Local Power organizations
 - Irene Weiser spoke with Paul Fenn and Julia Peters about chatting
 - LP thinks municipalities and counties could have a more integral role in CCA in terms of coordination and administration
 - Bond issuance
- Topics for additional webinars?
- Invite administrators of municipalities where this is farther along
- How could the county be an administrator of this program?
 - Cheaper than a private company?
- Hear from public officials
- Hear from other counties ([Sustainable Westchester](#))
 - State funding for these types of shared services models, e.g. health consortium
 - Bulk buying buyer

Obstacles

- Financing
 - Difficult time to ask for buy-in due to financial crisis (new barrier)
- Cost of third-party companies involved in solar farm development
- How can we keep the money local?
- 3.0 has not been tried (learning curve)
- Current CCA lacks delivery strategy

Opportunities

- Land available at schools
- Combining both programs?
- More societal acceptance of resilience and sustainability planning
- Increased purchase power of aggregated municipal projects
- Micro-grid as a way to address delivery issues?

(Potential) Next Steps

1. Continue communication with counties/municipalities who joined webinar (12 municipalities total)
2. Need to create a timeline
 - a. What do we want to do?
 - i. GHG reductions
 - ii. Reduce energy costs for LI households
 - iii. Keep energy revenue local
 - b. What is the scope?
 - i. Concerns about CCA versions
 - ii. Can this consider CCA + alternatives?
 - iii. How many household/municipalities/counties should or can be involved?
 - c. How do we get there?
 - d. What resources/capacities do municipalities need to make this work?
 - i. Identify funding sources
3. Identify what political reps and administrators need to know to make a decision
 - a. What are their goals?
 - b. Which CCA version aligns with their goals?
 - c. Do we focus on the bigger picture instead (e.g. CCA, plus cooperatives?)
4. Understand what has happened in other places and in the past
 - a. Interview politicians/administrators (set of questions)
 - b. Lessons learned from existing markets
 - c. CCAs in other states (sustainable Westchester)

Next Meeting: June 23rd @1:30pm

Resources

Global Renewable Energy Policies:

http://www.martinot.info/REN21_Local_Renewables_Policies_2011.pdf

Boulder Municipal Energy:

<https://www.denverpost.com/2020/05/13/boulder-xcel-municipal-utility/>

<http://empowerourfuture.org/boulder-municipalization-a-history/>

Examples of Community Energy:

<https://www.eesi.org/topics/communities/description>

Municipal Energy Sourcing in the U.S.:

<https://re-volv.org/get-involved/education/leadingcity/>

Innovations in Financing:

<https://www.wri.org/blog/2019/02/4-creative-ways-cities-are-transitioning-clean-energy-future>