



Meeting Notes

October 21, 2020 from 3pm to 4:30pm

Orleans Parish Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Climate Change Working Group Meeting

Participants (8)

- Michael Hopkins – Pontchartrain Conservancy
- Amanda Moore – Gulf Program for National Wildlife Restoration
- Andreanecia Morris – Housing Nola
- Ella – Greater New Orleans Foundation
- Kimberly Reyher – Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana
- John Lopez - Pontchartrain Conservancy
- Liz Russell – Foundation for Louisiana
- Rashida Ferdinand – Sankofa Community Development Corporation
- Reedy Brooks – Growing Gardens

What We've Heard: Presentation on the Planning Process and Updated 2020 Mitigation Actions

Workshop new Climate Change Related Actions

- Action 2: No Additional Comments
- Action 4: Add Finance New Orleans and FLASH to list of organizations. Consider offering an incentive for homeowners to invest in a sustainable roof before there is an issue with their existing roof. After there needs to be a repair or replacement, or when a homeowner's roof is due to be redone, consider creating a mechanism to help homeowners pay back sustainable roof systems that are a higher cost initially.
 - Include a homebuyer community education component of this as a new action
 - Or homeowner assistance program to invest in stable, resilient roofs
- Action 8: Add extreme temperatures and high winds to hazards
 - WEF has a best practices guide for this topic
- Action 9: The Coalition for Community Connection recently submitted a reforestation proposal for forested sites that also provide food, recreation, ecological education, and remediation techniques for Brownfields
 - Availability of inventory for implementation (tree nurseries) can be a challenge, include notes in the description about native plants, food security, and environmental remediation
 - Add Coalition for Coastal Louisiana to organizations
- Action 10: Add Growing Gardens and Earth Economics to organizations
- Action 14: Figure out a funding source for this action, such as an incentive rebate, or building code requirement
- Action 15: Consider the capture and reuse of methane as a form of energy rather than release as a harmful pollutant
- Action 20: No Additional Comments

- Action 22: Add RIDE and their Rider’s Advisory Committee to organizations in an advocacy role
- Action 24: GNOHA, Finance New Orleans, NORA with LHC to organizations
- Action 25: Add GNOHA, Gulf South for a Green New Deal, statewide partners to organizations
 - Clarify the description to address the two potential directions for this action: advocacy piece for state and federal policy, and local policy creation and implementation
 - Create separate FANO action around their initiative
- Action 26: This action is a priority project for Restore the Delta Gulf Program for National Wildlife Restoration. Add the Pontchartrain Conservancy and NGO coalition to organizations
- Action 27: Add Orleans Land Bridge, Pontchartrain Conservancy, MRGO Must Go, to organizations
- Action 28: Add Sankofa CDC, Center for Sustainable Engagement, and MRGO Must Go to organizations
- Action 29: Add Climate Action Equity Advisory Group, and C40 to organizations
- Action 30: Add Job1 Wex and CCC (National Green Infrastructure Certification) to organizations
 - For this action and others pertaining to resiliency jobs, ensure all angles of workforce development are being addressed
- Action 31: No Additional Comments
- Action 32: Sankofa CDC and Urban Conservancy are currently working on this for residential front lawns, but not at a larger scale right now
- Action 33: Add CRCO, National Wildlife Federation, Deep South Center for Environmental Justice, and Southeast Louisiana VOICE to organizations
- Action 32: Add note in description about advocating for federal authorization for hurricane levees that can authorize the Army Corps to protect up to the 500 year level
- Action 38: Add Waterwise Gulf South to organizations
- Action 39: Add a note in the description about workforce connections and green jobs around this action
- Action 40: Add Trust for Public Land to organizations
 - There are 2 tools used for this action: Trust for Public Land, Climate Smart Cities Tool
- Action 41: Add Coalition for Community Connection, GNOF, and Sankofa CDC to organizations
- Action 42: Add SOUL to organizations
- Action 45: Add Healthy Community Services, NOLABA, GNO Inc., Finance New Orleans, and Upper Alliance Energy to organizations
- Action 46: Add Water Collaborative of New Orleans to organizations
- Action 48: Build out description on how to incorporate local knowledge, identify organizations to help implement this action
- Action 49: No Additional Comments
- Action 50: No Additional Comments
- Action 51: Look back at other action concerning trees on private property to make sure they are delineated if they are different, otherwise combine
- Action 52: Add SOUL and tree project to orgs
- Action 53: No Additional Comments
- Action 54: No Additional Comments
- Action 55: Department of Education at the state level is working on this. CCC and Thrive

Nola have been endorsed by City Council for policy advocacy around this topic too. Add New Orleans School Board, Charter schools and nonprofits, Delgado Horticultural Tech Program, Edible schoolyards, and STEM Nola to organizations

- Action 56: Consider utilizing the Love Your City platform to help with this
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- Action 60: No Additional Comments
- Action 63: Add Keep New Orleans Beautiful to organizations
- Action 64: Add Waterwise Gulf South to organizations

Discussion of Missing Actions

- No Additional Comments

Next Steps

- Send out full list of actions to group, new and carryover from 2015
- Do targeted follow-up on questions for specific agencies