

**AGENDA**  
**NEW HAVEN CLIMATE EMERGENCY TASK FORCE**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 5:15 PM**

The New Haven Climate Emergency Taskforce (CETF) will meet on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 5:15 PM on Zoom (see link at end of agenda) to discuss the following items:

1. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting (11/27). A majority of the CETF (6 of 11 members) constitutes a quorum.
2. Project updates from the Office of Climate and Sustainability (OCS) staff:
  - a. Community Change Grant
    - i. EPA has announced that our application has been selected for funding. EPA and the City will aim to complete the award negotiation process by January 17, ahead of the change in presidential administration.
  - b. I Heart My Home
    - i. Statistics for the month of November
      1. 5 HES-IE participants enrolled, total 7 participants enrolled in the month of November
    - ii. Statistics since July of 2023
      1. Total Enrollments 437 participants enrolled
      2. Total people who received consultations 361
      3. Total people who had assessments 63
  - c. EPA Government-to-Government Environmental Justice Grant: Outreach posters have been finalized and distributed to NHS, and Community Action Agency of New Haven. A Spanish language version is being produced.
  - d. USDA Composting and Food Waste Reduction Grant: We have installed 3 Bigbelly units (Fair Haven, Wooster Square, and

Downtown). Recycling Educator Rose Ricci hosted an informational session on composting with the Bigbelly units on Tuesday November 26<sup>th</sup>. The Downtown bin is full!

- e. EPA [Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program](#) – Implementation Grants: The grant has been awarded. We participated in a kickoff meeting with the EPA and are working on developing a data quality assurance plan. The first rough draft has been submitted to EPA for review. We have selected a consultant to help provide further detail on thermal conductivity testing of geologic formations.
- f. Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA): no update.
- g. Shellfish shell recycling program: No update.
- h. Solar installations: no update.
- i. Styrofoam enforcement: no update.
- j. Housing Authority: No update.
- k. Electric leaf blower and grass trimmer: no update.
- l. Purchase of bicycles for school-based bicycle education program: NHPS has hired the part-time bicycle educator. The part-time educator and the program will start in January!

### **3. Discussion Items:**

- a. For Government-to-Government, Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven has offered to install an induction range as a demonstration unit. We would like to amend our previous request for up to \$700 to up to \$1,100 to purchase a range. We will continue to use the countertop unit we have as a portable demonstration device with Junta and Community Action Agency.

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