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Environment and Natural Resources Committee

DRAFT Minutes

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Members Present: Martha Dooley-Village of Schaumburg, Jon Grosshans – U.S. EPA, Anne McKibben – CNT Energy, Joe Schuessler – MWRD, Deborah Stone-Cook County Department of Environmental Control, Mike Sullivan – Kane / Kendall Council of Mayors, Sean Weidel-Chicago Department of Transportation, Mike Prusila (representing Patricia Werner)-Lake County Stormwater Management Commission,

Staff Present: Alex Beata, Craig Heither, Kristin Ihnchak, Lafayette Cruise, Nora Beck

Others Present: Andy Kimmel--Lake County Forest Preserves, Gary Cuneen, Seven Generations Ahead, Mike Klemens-WCGL

1.0 Call to Order

Sean Weidel called the meeting to order at 9:32.

2.0 Approval of Minutes—October 10, 2013

Motion to approve by Martha Dooley, seconded by Mike Sullivan. All in favor, the motion carried.

3.0 GO TO 2040 Update Process, Implementation Actions - Alex Beata, CMAP Staff

As part of the GO TO 2040 plan update, CMAP is reviewing the implementation action tables at the end of each of the twelve chapters in GO TO 2040 to reflect their implementation status. Over the past month, CMAP staff conducted an internal review to identify implementation examples and the ENR working committee participated in identifying additional implementation examples for three plan chapters, focusing on work completed by external partners: Manage and Conserve Water and Energy Resources; Expand and Improve Parks and Open Space; Promote Sustainable Local Food. The ENR committee was provided with updated copies and Beata reviewed the changes and outlined the next stages in the process. In addition to the examples given at the previous meeting and through email communication, committee members outlined a few more that could be incorporated, including the updated MWRD stormwater regulations, the increasing use of digesters as a renewable energy source in water utilities, and the City of Chicago's Green Infrastructure Fund. CMAP staff are recommending that some of the

implementation action areas be revised or deleted and Beata encouraged the committee members to send comments on this draft in advance of the next meeting.

4.0 GO TO 2040 Update Process, Plan Indicators – Craig Heither, CMAP Staff

GO TO 2040 includes a set of performance measures under each recommendation area intended to serve as benchmarks for monitoring the progress of plan implementation. Using the experience gained over the first few years of implementing the plan, as well as the knowledge staff has gained in further analyzing the indicators, a revised set of performance measures has been developed for the Plan Update which better matches the agency's policy needs and the data available. Using a [powerpoint presentation](#), Heither presented an overview of the process CMAP used to develop the revised list of plan indicators and discuss the status of the indicators used in the three plan chapters that the Committee has been focused on: Manage and Conserve Water and Energy Resources; Expand and Improve Parks and Open Space; Promote Sustainable Local Food. The committee asked questions and offered several comments on the indicators, including the following:

- **Impervious area:** New development could be incorporating green infrastructure practices, but this won't be reflected in the acres of total impervious area.
- **Public Water Supply Demand:** Separating out the different sources (L. Michigan, groundwater, surface water)
- **Additional energy indicators:** Currently using GHG as a proxy for the amount of energy consumed; could utilities have data on energy consumption by county.
- **Trail greenway mileage:** Suggestion to include on-street bike lanes as part of the indicator.
- **Number of farms:** Could use the number of farms to help provide more context to the indicator of acres of land harvesting food for direct human consumption.
- **Farmer's Markets:** Suggestion to track more information on the kindred indicator of Farmer's markets: acceptance of lync cards, spatial analysis, and months of operation.

5.0 Sustainability Plan Toolkit – Kristin Ihnchak , CMAP Staff

Over the next year, CMAP will develop a Sustainability Plan Toolkit that will serve as a guide to communities who wish to create this new type of plan. CMAP's Environment and Natural Resources Working Committee is being asked to serve as the project's Steering Committee to provide feedback and guidance throughout development of the toolkit. Ihnchak used a [powerpoint presentation](#) to provide a brief overview of the project's scope of work and solicit feedback on what the Committee would like to see included in the toolkit. Gary Cuneen, from Seven Generations Ahead and a project partner, provided additional background on this project. Committee members asked questions and offered several comments, including:

- Incorporating economic sustainability goals
- Feedback loop. Will lessons learned in Phase 4, which focuses on applying the newly developed toolkit to a pilot project, feed back into the toolkit content?
- Balance of municipal operations versus community-wide strategies will depend on topic area.
- Self-assessment, reviewing the use of an audit-like tool before starting the project to determine what scale of plan would work best for the community.

Ihnchak closed with a request of ENR committee members to send along examples of good Sustainability Plans (or plans by other names, like Climate Action Plans) that could be used as models for this project.

6.0 Public Comment: There were no public comments.

7.0 Next Meeting: The committee meets next on December 4, 2013, at 9:30 am.

10.0 Adjournment

At 10:30 a.m., a motion to adjourn by Dooley was seconded by McKibben. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Nora June Beck
CMAP staff liaison