

City of New Rochelle
Development

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
THRU: Charles B. Strome, III, City Manager
FROM: Adam Salgado, Commissioner of Development
DATE: April 19, 2022
SUBJECT: PROPOSED FORMATION OF A CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY TASK FORCE AND DESIGNATION OF CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY COORDINATOR - Resolution designating the Ecology and Natural Resources Advisory Committee (ENRAC) as the City's official Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Task Force and designating the Sustainability Coordinator as the Climate Smart Community Coordinator.

Introduction:

New Rochelle is currently a registered Climate Smart Community in New York State. In order to further our efforts through this program, the city must create a Climate Smart Community Task Force and a Climate Smart Community Coordinator. The following outlines pertinent background information and recommendations.

Background:

The city already has a number of environmental initiatives underway and recently re-created the Ecology and Natural Resources Advisory Committee (ENRAC). ENRAC is comprised of fifteen volunteer members that advise the City Council and City administration on issues related to the GreenNR Sustainability Plan, the Climate Emergency Declaration, and other environmental matters. Additionally, in 2022, the city created a Sustainability Coordinator position to assist with the City's sustainability initiatives.

Recommendations:

In an effort to be efficient and avoid the creation of unnecessary committees, staff recommends that City Council designate ENRAC as the city's official Climate Smart Community (CSC) Task Force. As the CSC Task Force, ENRAC will serve as the central body of leadership that promotes and supports climate mitigation and adaptation in the New Rochelle. The CSC Task Force shall be comprised of the official ENRAC volunteer members, along with the City Council Liaison, the CSC Coordinator, and the City Manager or their designees.

Further, it is recommended that the City Council designate the Sustainability Coordinator as the Climate Smart Community (CSC) Coordinator, who will be responsible for coordinating the activities of the CSC Task Force and associated climate mitigation and adaptation activities.

LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE ECOLOGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ENRAC) AS THE CITY'S OFFICIAL CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY (CSC) TASK FORCE AND DESIGNATING THE SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATOR AS THE CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY COORDINATOR.

WHEREAS, New Rochelle is currently a registered Climate Smart Community in New York State and to further efforts through this program, the City must create a Climate Smart Community Task Force and a Climate Smart Community Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, the City has a number of environmental initiatives underway and recently re-created the Ecology and Natural Resources Advisory Committee (ENRAC) and created a Sustainability Coordinator position to assist with the City's sustainability initiatives; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to be efficient and avoid the creation of unnecessary committees, staff recommends that City Council designate ENRAC as the city's official Climate Smart Community (CSC) Task Force; and

WHEREAS, as the CSC Task Force, ENRAC will serve as the central body of leadership that promotes and supports climate mitigation and adaptation in the New Rochelle; and

WHEREAS, the CSC Task Force shall be comprised of the official ENRAC volunteer members, along with the City Council Liaison, the CSC Coordinator, and the City Manager or their designees; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that the City Council designate the Sustainability Coordinator as the Climate Smart Community (CSC) Coordinator, who will be responsible for coordinating the activities of the CSC Task Force and associated climate mitigation and adaptation activities; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of New Rochelle, that this City Council hereby designates the Ecology and Natural Resources Advisory Committee (ENRAC) as the City's official Climate Smart Community (CSC) Task Force and designates the Sustainability Coordinator as the Climate Smart Community Coordinator.