



## Environmental and Energy Stewardship Subcommittee

Virtual Teams Meeting

July 15, 2022

### Meeting Minutes

#### Approval of Agenda

**Approval of the Minutes** - Due to a last minute change to virtual, no official actions could be taken because we were inside the 48 hour window to post the change. Thus the minutes from June were not approved.

#### No public comment

#### Composting Drop Off Site Program - Casi Lohmeyer and Kristy Smith

- o Looking to push the compost sites out again.
- o Possibility of including composting information in a water bill mailing.
- o Discussion of drop off participation by zip code
- o Discussion of benefits of composting
- o Discussion of estimated grant timeline

#### Water Quality Overview - Ann Marie Traylor, EQI (Environmental Quality Institute)

- o Water quantity concerns – need an update from the city- stormwater; climate scientist (Jim Fox); env. finance center; Biltmore Village flooding
- o Floodplain buyout
- o Update FEMA map, 2005 data, remapping costs
- o Residential green infrastructure – Raleigh (Rainwater Rewards program) – Meg to present?
- o Discussion of water quality concerns.
- o Staff discusses thoughts on Ann Marie’s recommendations – want to review Denver
- o Discussion of erosion control
- o Look at comp plan for input

#### Buncombe County Energy Loan Fund - Commissioner Sloan

- o Program administrator- Green Built Alliance?
- o Funds to buy down the interest rate or some way to make the financial terms more favorable
- o 20-1 ratio: \$20M in loans, need \$1M in loan loss reserve
- o County-wide
- o Talked to multiple banks to get the best deal possible
- o Pilot? How much is needed? What is the demand? Program admin? Could we contract this?
- o Bloc Power discussion
- o Home Depot Fdn. may have kick off funding for this; no small pilot due to cost of admin is expensive

#### Floating Solar Update - Jeremiah LeRoy and Allison Dains

- o Continued brief discussion of solar update

#### Future Meetings Discussion - Jennifer Harrison

#### Adjournment