

## Steering Committee Meeting 4/28/21

### 1) Updates on Status of Climate Action Forum follow-up

- Video recording on WRDC YouTube - sign your waivers! Betsy will send the first for review by end of week.
- Final impacts visualization with Adi
  - Brainstorming graphics/visuals
    - Adding human diversity
  - Quotes - what was said (Ros)
  - Action items - use as a baseline strategic plan moving forward (Jennison)
    - Put final jamboard priorities text in word doc by topic area (with votes)
  - What else to portray?
    - Acknowledgement from top down - there is need and urgency
      - Green Light from leadership
    - Hope
    - Not alone - knowing that there is a national community of practice
    - Elevate, Amplify and Accelerate
    - ALL parts of the Extension community have a role/stake (across programs)
      - Cross sectoral collaboration
    - Grassroots can make it happen
    - Unified message through visuals but also indicate that more next steps to come
    - Complexity and communication - we have to move slow to move fast, communications challenges - how we communicate with each other is key
    - Climate emergency - administrators still reluctant to say - so try to encourage bold leadership from top
  - What's next?
    - Clean up the list of action items
    - Concrete coordinated plan of action items that goes in the hands of our Day 1 speakers
    - Using visuals - Grouping as do in Prezi - turn images into interactive document
    - October summit - status of what has and hasn't been done based on action items
    - Future website map - populate with NECI meeting presentations
    - Including any NECI asks
  - How to get action items actually used and discussed?
    - Let's consider them individually and determine who to flag with (from speakers but other agencies, audiences too)
    - NWAL and FRTEP - lots of silence... need to figure out how to get some dialogue going.
    - Conference presentations
    - Consider social media presence

### 2) Updates from Ros on ECOP and response to EO / comments from NECI

- Very inspiring and collaborative process!
- [https://docs.google.com/document/d/16ZSLPRj8tTYrW\\_fZa0V7-gmQ6bVBPNAffVYXx0OcRuM/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/16ZSLPRj8tTYrW_fZa0V7-gmQ6bVBPNAffVYXx0OcRuM/edit?usp=sharing)

### 3) Next steps for monthly member meetings - topics, speakers, objectives

- Inviting Benita to speak
- Come back to filling out schedule with guest speakers
- Agenda next meeting
  - Invite reflections on the Forum
  - Share our next steps plan and ultimate goals from Forum
  - NIFA funding opportunity

### Other chat notes and round robin:

-First, Tonya Graham of GEOS has released a white paper on Climate Ready America: How a nationwide system of climate resilience services for local leaders can help the U.S. can meet its climate goals Does anyone with NECI want to join me in taking a look and following up? Second, I'm in discussion with the

leadership of Braver Angels about a possible collaboration on dialogue across difference and communicating in the face of controversy. I see this pertaining to CE's Public Issues Education tradition Paul and others were revitalizing, Relates to NECI in several possible ways.

-Eric to send Sabrina webinar info for NIFA funding opportunity - get on our listservs

-ANREP (natural resources) and NACDEP (community development) abstracts accepted - open to everyone who wants to participate

- Lead authors on these proposals will share with Steering Committee (event, date, time, session title, abstract)
- Ask if Deb can post these (just event, title, date, time) to the NECI website 'Events' page for promotion to membership
- Invite participation at these sessions during our May 6 meeting
- Jennison will create a google sheet with detailed information for each of these conference presentations on the horizon for sharing with NECI Steering Committee (including the proposal soon to be submitted for the National Sustainability Summit.)

-EDEN conference proposals are open - <https://extensiondisaster.net/news-events/annual-meeting/>

-Sabrina: suggestion that we discuss establishing different NECI members as 'ambassadors' or 'liaisons' to other national initiatives (e.g., NUEL, NEWFI, NNSLE, NEEI, NACDEP, etc.)