



CATF Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 19, 2021
10:00 a.m. Zoom

Members in Attendance: Bob Kulisheck, Dave Stensaas, Dwight Brady, Emily Leach, Greg Seppanen, Jenn Hill, Jerry Messana, Jes Thompson, Karen Alholm, Martha Gerig, Ryan Stock, Tyler Penrod

1. Round Table Updates

- Marquette County
 - The 2040 Master Plan was adopted by the Planning Commission. Final formatting; will be brought to the County Board in September for adoption.
 - The County wide Hazard Mitigation Plan update is focusing on outreach in the creation of a web-based interactive hazards map.
- Marquette County Health Department
 - Marquette County is seeing Covid-19 infections increase over the past few days to the CDC's substantial transmission rate category.
 - Planning is underway for the rollout of the Covid-19 booster shot. The booster should be administered 8 months from the date of an individual's second vaccine.
- Northern Michigan University
 - Northern Climate Network's Climate@Noon fall seminar lineup is below with a focus on the overlap of climate and food.
 1. Sept 10th: Hanson Nyantakyi-Frimpong, Univ of Denver (gendered climate vulnerability and food security in Ghana)
 2. Oct 15th: Abbey Palmer, FEEDS Collective and MSU Extension (indigenous food sovereignty)
 3. Nov 8th: Christopher Sebastian, Columbia University (industrial animal agriculture, climate change and racial injustice)
 4. Nov 12th: May Tsupros, Partridge Creek Farms (local organic food systems)
 - UN Sustainability Seminar offers an opportunity for students to receive a UN Sustainability Certificate for their participation.
 - NMU Sustainability Hub for Innovation & Environment (SHINE) recently launched to serve and advance sustainability within the NMU campus and throughout the community through the embodiment of two of NMU's core values: Innovation and the Environment. Services are free to local businesses. Serves as an incubator for sustainable local businesses.
 - NMU is creating an NMU de-carbonization committee chaired by Gavin Leach. This will not be within the Sustainability Council.
- City of Marquette
 - CATF members have discussed the potential for the City of Marquette to declare a climate emergency and what CATF's role could be. Many communities around the country, including Munising, have already declared a climate emergency.

- The City's recently approved two year strategic plan (2021-2023) includes climate language that could be a launching pad to climate action. The strategic plan includes the need to develop a climate based emergency action plan, sustainable tourism plan, update public transportation infrastructure, and winter city planning which will help lead Marquette toward a climate resilient future.
- Council on Climate Solutions- State of MI
 - The Council has established five advisory workgroups composed of individuals or entities participating in Council activities and other members of the public to assist it in performing its duties and responsibilities. The Council may adopt, reject, or modify any recommendations proposed by an advisory workgroup. If you would like to submit comments to a certain workgroup, please submit a message using the appropriate email address below.
 1. Buildings and Housing Workgroup:
BuildingsHousingClimate@Michigan.gov
 2. Energy Intensive Industries Workgroup:
EnergyIntensiveClimate@Michigan.gov
 3. Energy Production, Transmission, Distribution, and Storage Workgroup: EnergyProductionClimate@Michigan.gov
 4. Natural Working Lands and Forest Products Workgroup:
NWLForestClimate@Michigan.gov
 5. Transportation and Mobility Workgroup: EGLE-TransportMobilityClimate@Michigan.gov
- Climate Justice across the Lake Superior Watershed Webinar is coming up at the end of October.
- Matha Gerig is a coastal drone citizen scientist on the Manistique shoreline investigating erosion through the CoPe project. She is working to translate the collected data into digestible language for the public. She'd like to develop an interactive map and storyboard for the public and will seek CATF's help.
- Superior Watershed Partnership
 - Great Lakes Climate Corps just finished their 12 week summer season and began the 12 week fall season. With over 30 seasonal staff, the corps accomplished projects with dozens of partners including the construction and maintenance of 77 miles of trail, collection and recycling of nearly 7,000 scrap tires, planting of nearly 10,000 native trees and plants, and improvement of nearly 290 acres of habitat.
 - SWP's Renewable Energy Programs have continued offering home energy assessments and home efficiency improvements to low income Upper Peninsula residents. Five free solar installations for low income families are also underway.
- 2. Bylaws Committee Update**
 - Draft Bylaws
 - The CATF Steering Committee reviewed and commented on the draft bylaws. The draft bylaws will be brought to the November full CATF meeting for discussion and a vote for adoption.
- 3. CATF Flier & Mission Statement Review**
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 - Add something to the effect of "CATF members serve as liaisons to their organization and do not represent the views of their organization."
 - CATF Mission Statement Review

- An update to the mission statement was approved unanimously as follows: “Our mission is to help prepare local leaders and Marquette County stakeholders to develop mitigation and adaptation strategies that will make the Upper Peninsula more resilient and effective when dealing with the consequences of climate change and extreme weather events.”

4. League of Women Voters Outreach Update

- Water Tour
 - The League of Women Voters is in the beginning stages of planning a virtual water tour of Marquette’s coastal water resources including indigenous/colonial history, current uses, contamination/pollution, climate change, stormwater management, and more. LWV will likely seek support from individual CATF members and their organizations.

5. Good of the Order

- Adjournment 11:40 a.m.

Next Meeting: November 18, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.