GreenNY - Executive Order 22
Leading By Example: Directing State Agencies to Adopt a Sustainability and Decarbonization Program

Meeting of the GreenNY Council

June 18, 2025, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza
Meeting Room 7

A G E N D A

1:00 – 1:05 – Welcome and introductions

Joe Miner, DOB
Frank Ciampa, NYSERDA
Kerry-Jane King, NYPA
Pam Hadad-Hurst, DEC
Julie Takakjian , OGS
Ron Raush, OPHRP
Carla Seiler, DOH
William Keenan, MTA
Rebecca Miller, ESD
Carolyn Ryan, DOT
Brian Hahn, EFC

1:05 – 1:10 – Approval of minutes for the March 2025 GreenNY Council meeting

Carolyn Ryan, DOT, motioned to approve and Julie Takakjian, OGS, seconded the motion. All were in favor.

1:10 – 1:25 – EO22 accomplishments (Frank Ciampa, NYSERDA)

Frank Ciampa, NYSERDA, discussed the key accomplishments of the GreenNY Council. These include holding quarterly GreenNY Council meetings, the designation of Sustainability Coordinators, sending out monthly newsletters that feature various EO22 topics, and publishing an annual survey and summary report.

The Council also provided guidance to Affected Entities on reducing GHG emissions, supported waste diversion efforts by providing a Waste Diversion Plan template to Affected Entities to fill out and submit for review, and fostered biodiversity and habitat protection. The Council is currently updating Green Procurement specifications to improve usability. Lastly, the Sustainable and Resilient Design Network (SRDN), the newest interagency working group, was formed earlier this year. SRDN released a Decarbonization and Climate Resiliency Design Guide to assist State entities in decarbonization efforts outlined in EO22.

The GreenNY Council will continue to foster progress on EO22 deliverables in 2025 and beyond. Frank mentioned plans to provide new training and resources for sustainability teams, a focus on improved reporting and high-quality quantitative data, a NYS operations GHG Inventory, and advancement of the ZEV conversion process.

William Keenan, MTA, asked Frank to clarify the GHG inventory's relationship to the proposed rule on mandatory GHG reporting. Frank clarified that although there are other reporting mechanisms that State entities may be using, the GreenNY Council is currently seeking to improve and understand the GHG data we have on hand to complete this initial inventory.

1:25 – 1:35 – Public comment opportunity

No members of the public came forward with comments.

1:35 – 1:50 – Enacted state budget recap (Joe Miner, DOB)

Joe Miner, DOB, reviewed the 2025-26 Enacted State Budget and how it directly affects the GreenNY Council. This included: the newly created $1 billion Sustainable Future Program; the Environmental Protection Fund; $50 million for EO22 implementation (Public Facilities Sustainability Program); a $25 million SUNY Green Energy Loan Fund; $17 million for light duty vehicle electrification; and, $2 million for a Green Affordable Pre-Electrification Program.

William Keenan, MTA, asked for clarification on where each of these funding streams would be allocated. Joe explained that the two appropriations applicable to all state agencies include the Sustainable Future Program and the Public Facilities Sustainability Program.

Carolyn Ryan, DOT, asked when the 2025 project selections would be announced for the $50 million Public Facilities Sustainability Program appropriation. Joe stated that DOB and the GreenNY Council Co-chairs have, and are actively, working with the Executive Chamber to identify projects for inclusion in a plan that must be approved by the Budget Director prior to moving ahead.

1:50 – 2:35 – GreenNY procurement specification updates (Delaney Demro, SUNY)

Delaney Demro, SUNY, highlighted the process of what goes into changing or updating the specifications and reviewed the list of specifications up for final and tentative approval, respectively.

- Proposed for Final Approval:
    - Batteries and Battery Chargers; Toner and Ink Cartridges; Compostable Bioplastic Organic Waste Bags; Carpet Extractors; Floor Scrubbing Equipment; Floor Polishing Equipment; and Vacuum Cleaners.
- Proposed for Tentative Approval:

- Binders; Cardboard File Boxes and Storage Drawers; Floor Maintenance Pads; Organic Waste Services; Recycling Services; Brooms and Brushes Mops; Cloths and Wiping Rags; and Sponges and Scrubbers.

Specifications Proposed for Final Approval

- Batteries and Battery Chargers
  - Delaney discussed the new proposed specification of batteries and battery chargers. The batteries were separated between battery size and milli-amp-hour power rating.
  - William Keenan, MTA, asked for clarification on applicability of this specification for batteries used as office supplies, versus others used in equipment in the field. Alicia Culver, Responsible Purchasing Network (RPN), responded that entities can be exempt if the product doesn't meet the desired form, function, or utility; however, pilot tests have shown rechargeable batteries are working better than regular ones in some cases.
  - Pam Hadad-Hurst, DEC, motioned to approve the specification and William Keenan, MTA, seconded the motion. All were in favor and the specification was approved as final.
- Toner and Ink Cartridges
  - The public comment received encouraged the removal of Standardized Test Methods Committee (STMC) certification from additional desirable attributes; however, no changes were made to the specification. The concern raised by the commenter is addressed through the minimum requirements.
  - Rebecca Miller, ESD, motioned to approve the specification and Brian Hahn, EFC, seconded. All were in favor and the specification was approved as final.
- Compostable Bioplastic Organic Waste Bags
  - There were no changes to the compostable bioplastic organic waste bags specification since the Q1 GreenNY Council meeting. It was voted on as final at the March meeting but considered tentatively approved since it was a new specification.
  - Pamela Hadad-Hurst, DEC, motioned to approve the specification, and Ron Rausch, OPRHP, seconded the motion. All were in favor and the specification was approved as final.
- Carpet Extractors
  - RPN received a public comment that the specification should require Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) compliance; however, no changes were made to the specification because there are not enough products available with RoHS compliance labeling.
  - Phrasing adjustments were also made to the specification that included a replaceable rechargeable battery and an option for cordless equipment.
  - Rebecca Miller, ESD and Pamela Hadad-Hurst, DEC, motioned to approve the specification as final, and seconded the motion, respectively. All were in favor and the specification received final approval.
- Floor Scrubbing Equipment
  - The floor scrubbing equipment specification was also updated to include a

replaceable rechargeable battery and an option for cordless equipment.
    - Carolyn Ryan, DOT, and Pam Hadad-Hurst, DEC, motioned to approve the specification as final, and seconded the motion, respectively. All were in favor and the specification was approved as final.
- Floor Polishing Equipment
    - The floor polishing equipment specification was also updated to include a replaceable rechargeable battery and an option for cordless equipment.
    - The motion to approve the floor polishing equipment was made by Pam Hadad-Hurst, DEC, and Ron Rausch, OPRHP, seconded it. All were in favor and the specification was approved as final.
- Vacuum Cleaners
    - The vacuum cleaner's specification was updated to include vacuums that are cordless or have a replaceable rechargeable battery.
    - The motion to approve the vacuum cleaner's specification was made by Julie Takakjian, OGS, and Kerry-Jane King, NYPA, seconded it. All were in favor and the specification was approved as final.

Specifications Proposed for Tentative Approval

- Binders
    - Proposed minimum requirements include: (1) Labeled "PVC-free" or the cover is listed as a material other than PVC or vinyl, and (2) Not labeled "antimicrobial" nor claim to kill bacteria, viruses, or other pathogens.
    - The tentative approval for binders was motioned by Pam Hadad-Hurst, DEC, and Brian Hahn, EFC, seconded it. All were in favor and the specification was tentatively approved.
- Cardboard File Boxes and Storage Drawers
    - Proposed minimum requirements include: (1) 50% post-consumer recycled content (PCRC) or higher, and (2) 60% total recycled content (TRC) or higher.
    - The motion to tentatively approve the cardboard file boxes and storage drawers was made by Rebecca Miller, ESD, and Pam Hadad-Hurst, DEC, seconded it. All were in favor and the specification was tentatively approved.
- Floor Maintenance Pads
    - The floor maintenance pads specification proposed minimum requirements include that they must be made of plant-based fibers, plastic with a certain percentage recycled content, microfiber, or minerals. They must also not contain animal hair or melamine. The pads are additionally required to be fragrance free, not labeled as "antimicrobial", and not labeled as containing cleaning chemical such as soaps and polishes.
    - The motion to tentatively approve the specification was made by Pam Hadad-hurst, DEC, and Carolyn Ryan, DOT, seconded it. All were in favor and the specification was tentatively approved.
- Organic Waste Services
    - Proposed minimum requirements were as follows:
    - Organic waste services must
        - Collect source-separated organic waste (e.g., organic waste is not comingled with trash or recyclables)

        - Accept and process one or more of the following materials, including but not limited to:
            - Organic yard waste
            - Food scraps
            - Food-soiled paper (e.g., paper towels, napkins, uncoated paper plates, etc.)
            - Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) certified products
            - Compost Manufacturing Alliance (CMA) certified products
            - Products certified under another compostability certification or standard accepted by the organic waste recycling service provider
        - Upon request, provide reports that include, but are not limited to:
            - The actual or estimated weight and volume of organic materials processed from the purchaser
            - A list of the facilities where the collected materials were composted/recycled
        - When necessary, provide outdoor containers that are fully enclosed, leak proof, fire resistant, clearly labeled, and in good condition
        - Furnish and provide maintenance, signage, and labels on all provided containers
        - Pick up spillage and keep all containment areas directly serviced by the vendor free of loose refuse
    - Carolyn Ryan, DOT, noted that this specification is unique because most GreenNY specifications are for commodities rather than services, and was wondering whether this was going to be included in contract language. Julie Takakjian, OGS, responded that the specifications are written in a manner so that the language could be easily integrated into contracts.
    - The motion to tentatively approve the organic waste services specification was made by Pam Hadad-Hurst, DEC, and William Keenan, MTA, seconded it. All were in favor and the specification was tentatively approved.
- Recycling Services
    - The recycling services specification was updated to include the requirement to additionally recycle cardboard, and to provide data reports upon request.
    - The motion to tentatively approve this specification was made by Rebecca Miller, ESD, and Pam Hadad-Hurst, DEC, seconded it. All were in favor and the specification was tentatively approved.
- Brooms and Brushes
    - The brooms and brushes specification includes the following updates: not labeled as containing vinyl or with a California Prop 65 warning, disposable or antimicrobial, and does not contain cleaning chemicals. Brooms and brushes must also not contain animal hair and should be made of plant-based fibers or plastics with at least 10% recycled content, and the head must be replaceable.
    - The motion to tentatively approve this specification was made by Pam Hadad-Hurst, DEC, and Ron Rausch, OPRHP, seconded it. All were in favor and the specification was tentatively approved.
- Mops
    - The mops specification was updated to include that mops must not be labeled with a California Prop 65 warning. The mops must be detachable and replaceable, not labeled as disposable or microbial. They must also include

either a Green Seal certification, 10% post-consumer recycled content, 100% total recycled content or made of microfiber.
    - The motion to tentatively approve the specification was made by William Keenan, MTA, and Rebecca Miller, ESD, seconded it. All were in favor to tentatively approve this specification.
- Cloths and Wiping Rags
    - The cloths and wiping rags specification was updated to include that they must not be labeled with a California Prop 65 warning and must be made of plant-based materials or reclaimed textiles. They also cannot be labeled as disposable, non-launderable, or antimicrobial.
    - The motion to tentatively approve was made by Pam Hadad-Hurst, DEC, and Frank Ciampa, NYSERDA, seconded it. All were in favor and the specification was tentatively approved.
- Sponges and Scrubbers
    - Proposed minimum requirements on the sponges and scrubbers were updated to include that they must be made of plant-based fiber, plastic with 50% total recycled content, microfiber, or stainless steel, and they must not be made of melamine. Sponges and scrubbers must also be fragrance-free, and not labeled with a California Prop 65 warning, or as antimicrobial, or as containing cleaning chemicals such as soaps.
    - The motion to tentatively approve this specification was made by Pam Hadad-Hurst, DEC, and Rebecca Miller, ESD, seconded it. All were in favor to tentatively approve this specification.

2:35 – 2:55 – Working group and guidance updates

- Operations and Engagement (Jasmine Johnson, BPCA)
    - Jasmine highlighted the training in development by the OnE working group: a four-part series on procurement for Affected Entities and their procurement teams. A draft of the training will be shared soon.

- Embodied Carbon Guidance Working Group (Mariane Jang, OGS)
    - Mariane noted that the Concrete Technical Subcommittee work is complete, and relevant Affected Entities have updated their concrete specifications. Congratulations on a job well done by all on those updates. Mariane also discussed that the first round of Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) reporting is due in Q4 2025.

- ZEV Fleet Conversion Working Group (Julie Takakjian, OGS)
    - Julie highlighted that the medium- and heavy-duty vehicles conversion plan template was released, and a webinar was held (and recorded) to assist Affected Entities in completing them. The plans will be due back at the end of 2025. She also mentioned that OGS and NYPA hosted the 3rd annual fleet EVent at the Empire State Plaza on May 21. It was a successful event with over 250 attendees, 30 electric vehicles (EVs), and 8 charging station companies participating. Julie concluded by stating that the EV light-duty conversion dashboard is being updated.

- Procurement Working Group (Pam Hadad-Hurst, DEC)
  - Pam briefly highlighted the ongoing specification update process and the effort to provide easier methods of finding green products and improve tracking.

- 100% Renewable Electricity Working Group (Frank Ciampa, NYSERDA)
  - Frank discussed the conversations that have occurred regarding centralized procurement for renewables development. More information is forthcoming as that mechanism develops. The working group is also seeking to evaluate pathways to 100% renewable electricity compliance.

- Reporting Working Group (Heather Ipsen, NYSERDA)
  - Heather noted that the annual public GreenNY report drafting is underway, and the reporting form for FY24-25 is being updated. The survey will be tested for potential early release in August or September.

- Waste Working Group (Nasibah Elmi, DEC)
  - Nasibah mentioned the development of sub-working groups to consider planning and tracking, waste generated by the public, and launching organics collection programs. The group is also looking to summarize their insights from waste diversion plans, which were submitted by Affected Entities last summer.

- Sustainable and Resilient Design Network (Mariane Jang, OGS)
  - Mariane recapped the deep-dive topical webinars that were held in April and May: April's topic was Energy Efficiency, and May's was Zero Emissions. She highlighted the upcoming webinar in June, which will focus on climate risk assessment.

2:55 – 3:00 – Final comments and adjournment

The motion to adjourn was made by William Keenan, MTA, and Brian Hahn, EFC seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 2:50pm.