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SUPPLEMENTARY PROGRAM REPORT: We have two recent successful experiments of  George Moffatt's idea to share Jersey Shore Group's excellent online programs with other NJ Groups that might welcome program assistance.  Both the May 24 program on NJ CEP energy incentives, and June 28 program honoring Sierra Club volunteers, were announced to SC members and activists in 6 counties stretching from Monmouth County to Cape May.. The Sierra Club Group heads of Ocean County and South Jersey  readily agreed to my request for joint announcements.  Wael found it  easy to expand announcements, and provide follow-up thanks to the total combined membership lists of the 3 SC groups..

  The June 28 program ALSO shared program creation.  The SC South Jersey Group selected Allie Horn, the energetic young new lawyer, who described her satisfaction with volunteering and fitting in with the NJ SC state staff.

   I recommend we continue shared programming.

CLIMATE REPORT: In earlier meetings, I announced formation of the “50 x 30 team”, which advocates for 50% GHG reduction by 2030. John Luard is including my writeup in the Jersey Shore portion of this coming Jersey Sierran. (I also submitted a longer article for publication in the Jersey Sierran, and I am asking for interested Sierra Club members to SIGNUP!.

**TODAY, Aug 9, 2021, a BIG special report by the UN IPCC added nails in the GHG burial of a coffin of what is required to combat Climate Change. In order to dig out of that coffin, we must go all-out to , achieve 50% GHG gas reduction by 2030, on the way to NetZero Green House Gas (GHG) emissions by 2050.**

In the meantime, a NJ-DEP report last October revealed that **NJ is/was on a path to have GREATER emissions in 2050 than we have today**. SO the NJ DEP included in **and included many recommendations for additional strategies for policy makers to achieve GHG goals**.

**The 50x30 team advocates for ACTIONABLE STEPS NOW, WHILE WE WAIT FOR THESE FUTURE POLICIES. THE FOCUS: tackling Jersey’s 3 biggest GHG sources: transportation, residential/commercial use of natural gas in buildings, and electricity generation from fossil fuels, meanwhile supporting low- and moderate-income NJ residents.**

**THE MISSION OF THE NJ “50 x 30 TEAM”: educate and advocate that households, municipalities, NJ state, and the Federal Government set and track aggressive GHG goals** to reduce the 3 primary sources of GHG in NJ.

EXAMPLE ACTION**: last week, the “50 x 30 Team” released a draft** [**letter**](http://climate.smiller.org/50x30/2021-8-1-v5-gov-murphy.docx) **which we are now reviewing with the Governor’s Environment/Energy Policy Advisor, and then we will deliver to Gov. Murphy, This letter reinforces and adds detail to the July 21, 2021,** [**petition**](https://www.cleanwateraction.org/sites/default/files/Final%20petition%207-21-21.pdf) **from Empower NJ, to the NJ-DEP, requesting 50% GHG reduction by 2030. (NJ Sierra Club is one of 7 key leaders of Empower NJ) – and I am proud to report that Middletown for Clean Energy - our SC RF100 campaign name - is listed as one of the 58 supporters of that EmPower petition to the NJ DEP.**

We are more aggressively asking for signup to gather more members of the 50 x 30 team across NJ.

I would like to bounce plans off you:

1. I propose to combine the “50x30 Team” with the active climate committees and climate leaders in 4 other NJ Sierra Club Groups (encompassing 8 additional counties beyond Monmouth County)
	1. Hudson County Group (Hudson County): a member of Hudson Valley Climate Coalition
	2. North Jersey Group (Bergen and Passaic Counties) :
	3. HuNtErDoN WArrEN GrouP (Hunterdon and Warren Counties)
	4. WESt JErSEy GrouP (Camden, Gloucester and Burlington Counties, “Contact Gina at 856-848-8831, ginaceee@verizon.net to get involved in any of our many initiatives on climate change.”
	5. INCLUDE FARIS JABARA (GREENHOUSEGAS- chapter expert)

Let me know if you see downside to this. PAUSE FOR COMMENTS

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NEXT TOPIC:

This whole month of August thru Sept 12 when Congress resumes, all environmental organizations are organizing events, related to pushing aspects of the forthcoming $3.5 trillion partisan infrastructure bill to be introduced via budget reconciliation voting which requires a simple majority Senate approval. THIS BILL HEAVILY SUPPORTS CLIMATE ACTION!

. If you are on several email lists like I am, then you have seen numerous petitions from a variety of environmental organizations. Sierra Club is a BIG SOURCE OF THESE PETITIONS. I encourage you to respond, sign petitions and become an activist!

It is likely the “50 x 30 Team” will be an advocate for some of these on-going petitions

ALSO, I ENCOURAGE YOU TO SIGN UP FOR on-going SC TRAINING: 7PM every Tuesday

* 8/10: Lobbying for Change
* 8/17: Storytellling to build power and connection
* 8/24: creative-activism-make-your-advocacy-sparkle & shine
* 7/31 online activism: using social media for advocacy
* Then the 1st week of sept: practice what you have learned when congress returns from summer break.

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