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Hello –

In an exciting milestone of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (Climate Act), the New York State Climate Action Council released the Draft Scoping Plan on December 30, 2021, providing a framework to reduce emissions, ensure healthier communities, and create family-sustaining jobs. The Council is encouraging all New Yorkers to review the [Draft Scoping Plan](#) and share comments by June 10, 2022. The comments received will help the Council finalize the Scoping Plan, which is due by January 1, 2023.

This email serves as a resource and toolkit on how you can comment and be involved in the process, and to help the Council spread the word and encourage others to weigh in on the Draft Scoping Plan. An overview of the plan for your review and use can be found [here](#). Additional overview slide decks specific to each sector are forthcoming. There are several ways to provide public comments, with oral and written comments receiving equal weight.

1. The Council will be holding 10 public hearings, eight in-person and two virtual, in April and May. Additional information on the public hearings and the option to pre-register for hearings can be found [here](#).
2. Comments can also be submitted via the online public comment form [here](#) or via email to scopingplan@nyserda.ny.gov.
3. Comments can also be sent via U.S. Mail to Attention: Draft Scoping Plan Comments, NYSERDA, 17 Columbia Circle, Albany, NY 12203-6399.

State staff are participating in various conferences and meetings statewide throughout the extended public comment period to present on the Draft Scoping Plan and encourage public comment.

If you would like to request a presentation on the Draft Scoping Plan for your group or organization, please email ClimateAct@dec.ny.gov. Requests will be accommodated based on staffing and scheduling.

If you would like to be more involved in the process and help in our efforts to increase awareness about the Scoping Plan and the state's overall climate efforts, please see the social media toolkit below, or email haley.viccaro@dec.ny.gov with additional opportunities and/or questions. Spreading the word about this opportunity and increasing awareness of the Climate Act is crucial to the successful implementation of the law.

At the same time, the Climate Justice Working Group recently released its Draft Disadvantaged Communities Criteria for public comment, which will also include public hearings. Dates and locations for these hearings will be announced soon and posted on climate.ny.gov.

The draft criteria will guide the equitable implementation of the Climate Act, with the Climate Action Council's Final Scoping Plan prioritizing emissions reductions in disadvantaged communities.

The draft criteria and additional resources can be found [here](#). New Yorkers are encouraged to submit comments via the online public comment [form](#), via email at DACComments@dec.ny.gov, and via U.S. Mail to Attention: Draft DAC Comments, NYS DEC, Attn. Office of Environmental Justice, 625 Broadway, 14th Floor, Albany NY 12233.

The Draft Disadvantaged Communities Criteria are open for review and comment through July 7, 2022. State staff will be sending a similar toolkit for the DAC criteria soon.

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