**Resilience iCAP Team Meeting**

Friday, October 9th, 2020

12:00 pm via Zoom

*Members in attendance: Morgan White (Co-Chair), Scott Tess (Co-Chair), Sally McConkey (Faculty), Kimmy Chuang (Clerk), Lacey Lowe (Staff), Genevieve Zilmer (Student), Asli Topuzlu (Student), Stacy Gloss (Faculty), Lisa Merrifield (Staff), Meredith Moore (Staff)*

Meeting

1. Review iCAP 2020 Assessment (Due October 9th)
   1. Priorities Discussion
      1. Don’t know much about how to move forward a **carbon offset program** or who to contact. Good to get started now
      2. **Environmental justice** is very timely and could have wide community engagement (5th and Hill in Champaign group)
      3. **Urban biodiversity** could be combined with **rainwater plans** – potential to work with Land and Water SWATeam, lots of great work underway
   2. Review Objectives
      1. Local Offsets Program
         * Need to find who could identify funding
         * Urban Offsets is a potential facilitator/validator
         * Need to discuss legal and financial aspects
         * We want to sequester carbon here and plant trees here to participate towards our zero-carbon goal
           1. We could go beyond just trees
           2. Scott has list of 4,000 potential sites to plant more trees. Fab Lab sawmill converts urban trees to finished products
           3. Trees also affects environmental justice like Urbana Trees and Equity grant application and Genevieve’s equitable urban greenspace campaign in her law class
      2. Vision Zero as a county-wide goal
      3. Green Job certifications
         * A number of certification processes (like LEED) isn’t run by the university, so it would be beneficial to get a clearinghouse of these other outside opportunities for students
         * SEDAC, Ameren with ICRT have been working on building a resilient green workforce
           + Identify gaps in training, knowing about jobs and applying for them
           + Could tie in Director of Environmental Council, Jen Walling, who is doing work in the Clean Energy Jobs Act (CEJA)
      4. Cross jurisdictional panel to identify community sustainability challenges

* Would like to see this complete before FY24
* In Year 1 would brainstorm/identify stakeholders for meetings about the new advisory panel. Would be like infrastructure building
* Invite SWATeams, CCRPC emergency planning (Champaign County Regional Planning Commissions), CC health dept
* Sociology perspectives would be important to include in addition to scientists
  + 1. Environmental Justice Plan
       - Kaamilyah from Office of Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion has started talking to Meredith
       - 5th and Hill Champaign (aka Champaign County Health Care Consumers) members
         1. Could contact Claudia Lenhof
       - CCRPC had detailed environmental justice planning zones which are included in rainwater plans and would serve as good starting point
       - There is work at Garden Hills Neighborhood on stormwater management which plays environmental justice
         1. Food deserts was being looked at but has evolved over time. Wanted to get more grocery stores to locate in food deserts but didn’t get much traction.
         2. Neighborhood Wellness Plan is being reinvigorated to become more holistic. New approach coming in 2021 to change community planning
       - CCRPC did submit grant application to FEMA for an inventory of heating and cooling centers
    2. Rainwater Management Plan
       - Betsy Liggett and Brent Lewis have been involved
       - Good starting point would be existing Stormwater Partnership
       - Rainwater is limited to precipitation falling surfaces before accumulating to storm sewers. Rainwater is a valuable resource; stormwater is viewed as a nuisance.
       - Need to research common definitions of green structures
       - Identify existing data on green infrastructure locations then identify gaps

1. Update on Hazard Mitigation Plan recommendation
   1. iWG has agreed to send recommendation to Chancellor’s Office
   2. We need to send the plan and recommendation together
2. Plans for future meetings
   1. Will plan for 1 hour and a half meeting once a month
   2. Doodle poll will be sent out for meeting between Nov. 5th through 20th