**Resilience iCAP Team March Meeting**

Tuesday, March 2nd, 2021

11:00 am via Zoom

*Members in attendance: Morgan White (Co-Chair), Scott Tess (Co-Chair), Warren Lavey (Faculty), Stacy Gloss (Faculty), Sally McConkey (Faculty), Lisa Merrifield (Staff), Ximing Cai (Staff), Meredith Moore (Staff), Stacey DeLorenzo (Non-Voting Member), Genevieve Zilmer (Student), Asli Topuzlu (Student), Joseph Park (Student), Kimmy Chuang (Clerk)*

Meeting

## Speaker on Vision Zero – Stacey DeLorenzo

* [Program](https://visionzeronetwork.org/roadmapforaction/) emphasizes setting up bicycle lanes, sidewalks, street lights, and crosswalks etc. so that there are zero fatalities from travel. Any form of transportation should have infrastructure to make sure dangers are all mitigated.
* **Could invite professor (Ray Benekohal) to next meeting** to describe what’s going on with Vision Zero. **Sarthak and Stacey DeLorenzo are planning on reaching out to Ray to see if he needs assistance** and if he would benefit from attending our next meeting.
* Many groups are working on transportation, such as Champaign Urbana Urbanized Area Transportation Study (CUUATS) are a metropolitan planning organization that helps our regional community coordinate transportation like MTD. Professor Benekohal wants to bring Vision Zero to university.
* [BPAC](https://www.urbanaillinois.us/BPAC) Urbana has also wanted to adopt Vision Zero. Stacey will check in with them to see if actions have been taken beyond adoption.
* **Latest Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) does not include Vision Zero, but we will want to include it in the next one.** Even though we currently do many of their suggested practices, Vision Zero is an official alliance that we’re not a part of. It’s already in the iCAP and could be very important for the resilience of our community, which is up to us to define.
* Practices good for Vision Zero are also good for sustainable forms of transportation like walking, transit, biking.
* **Things that go into a Vision Zero plan will also want to have as many sustainable components as possible.** We want to make walking, biking, and taking the bus the most convenient option instead of driving.
* Jeff Speck, an urban planner who espouses walkable cities, does a good job of weaving safety and sustainability together.

## Update on Education Team joint meeting – Meredith/Kimmy

* Eric Green and interns at iSEE will lead effort and next steps. **Need to decide what constitutes a green internship and where would the funding come from** (government entity, university, employers, or splitting it between multiple people)
* Interns are starting a repository of positions that exist currently.
* Champaign agencies have HR policy that students have to paid
* Suggestions to start slow and start small. Students are most familiar with Handshake and we will try to use that more.
* We recognize that we **need to find a student to help us inventory green job**, and if Eric’s students find anything, they will let us know.

## Update on Environmental Justice meeting – Meredith

* Next steps are to **narrow down indices and indicators that the university/municipalities has control to instigate change**
* Students are collecting datasets from GIS Consortium to ultimately make an environmental vulnerability assessment
* 2020 Census shapefile data is currently being released
* FEMA also has indicators that would be potentially useful
* Engagement and participation of disadvantaged communities is needed. **Regional Planning Commission has impressive stakeholder engagement process that we could learn from or we could fund them to do something for us.**

## Update on Biodiversity Plan – Morgan

* **iWG is drafting recommendation to pass onto to Extension.** Everyone is supportive of it and the recommendation is waiting for comments from every iWG member. It will be passed on to Lisa and Director of Extension

## F&S and Brent Lewis working on Campus Landscape Master Plan which goes into effect the new fiscal year – Morgan

* **Campus Landscape Master Planning process will take about nine months to identify good places for enhanced water features**/green infrastructures that will then need plans drawn up. Process will start in July 2021.

## Discussion of local sustainability issues (Objective 8.4)

* We could have townhall meeting to contact cities to identify three major regional sustainability issues or conduct surveys about major sustainability issues.
* U of I is a major employer in the region so if there’s some particular sustainability issue then the U of I should be helping to address those issues
* Ximing: Land-use practices and impacts on water supplies could be a major issue.
* Agroforesty relates to food desserts and access to healthy food.
* Champaign County Hazard Mitigation Plan may have some action items that identify needs.
* We could **look for similarities in the tasks needed from carious existing plans - and identify major issues from the overlapping needs**

## Roundtable

* **Sally McConkey is retiring** and this is her last meeting! Morgan and Meredith will push Hazard Mitigation Plan forward to the Chancellor.
* COVID has impacted macro-level community behaviors, but there is no going back to normal. There is no vaccine for climate change, so there will be resilience issues even in the new post-pandemic period.