

Catskill Advisory Group, Meeting #25

February 17, 2022

Attendees, CAG members: Adam Bosch, Adrienne Larys, Cathy Pedler, Jeff Senterman, Joshua Ginsberg, Lisa Lyons, Markly Wilson, Matthew Shook, Patrick Barnes, Ramsay Adams, Ross Levi, Tom Davidock

Attendees, DEC staff: Bill Rudge, Josh Clague, Katie Petronis, McCrea Burnham, Mikaela Hameline, Peter Frank, Sara Hart,

Guest speaker: Pine Roehrs, DEC

Welcome, introductions, community agreements:

- Round robin introductions/ reviewed agenda.
- Reviewed community agreements.

Latest public comments to Interim Report:

- To date, received approx. 25 comments total, about 7 new ones since last meeting. Most are appreciative, the comments span a large field of ideas and issues.
- The Final Strategic Framework will incorporate the responses to the comments.

Presentation on Trailless Peaks research:

- Report on research and findings of changes in trail and natural conditions on trailless 3,500+ foot tall peaks of the Catskill Park by DEC's Pine Roehrs.

Discussion on ideas for VUM study:

- DEC staff requested feedback from CAG on a location for a new Visitor Use Management study. The proposed area is the Kaaterskill Clove/ Falls area.

Theme group report out:

- Theme groups did not identify any concerns or challenges, they have all been meeting and working on selecting strategies.
- DEIJ theme group offered help to other theme groups to make sure that DEIJ concepts and language are integrated into each theme group's recommendations.
- There might be some overlap of strategies – we will identify those at the next meeting when the theme groups present their list of strategies.

Action items/ Next steps:

- Theme groups: prepare outline of strategies they intend to develop – to be presented at March 3rd CAG meeting.
- Steering Committee – put timeline together for Final Strategic Framework completion to be reviewed at March 3rd CAG meeting.

Agenda for March 3rd meeting:

- Timeline discussion.
- Theme group presentations.