

## Onondaga Citizens League

### “Greening CNY” Steering Committee Meeting Notes

June 30, 2009,

Present: Peter Arsenault, Betsy Burton, Emanuel Carter, Megan Costa, Lori Dietz, Khris Dodson, Sam Gordon, David Holder (co-chair), Dan Kelly, Karen Kitney, Sarah McIlvain, Carlo Moneti, Ed Szczesniak, Sandra Barrett.

#### REVIEW OF COMMITTEE PROGRESS TO-DATE:

**Definition of Green:** environmental impact subset of Sustainability Traits, focusing on “reduce, recycle, reuse” principles

#### Questions to be addressed by the study:

1. What are we doing Green? Is it enough? (An assessment; comparison to benchmarks)
2. How can we be more GREEN in CNY? (look at other places, model practices)
3. How do we make sure that the decisions we make have a beneficial effect on the environment?

**Timetable:** Study Report to be completed by May 1, 2010.

**Audiences:** individuals/families; business and organizations; municipalities.

#### UPDATES:

**Writer:** Carol Boll, a writer for SU and other publications, will be our study writer. Carol will attend study committee meetings and study sessions, develop the report outline, and draft the report based on the committee’s research and findings.

**Polls and Surveys:** Committee member Gregg Munno will continue to run the CNY Speaks forum on Syracuse.com for the next several months. Gregg has volunteered to coordinate activities between the study and the forum, including possible online polling. Gregg also volunteered to lead a subcommittee to develop a survey of CNYers attitudes toward Being Green, as the study progresses.

**POTENTIAL STUDY SESSIONS:** The committee discussed the list of proposed study sessions developed at the previous meetings and reviewed the proposed comparative assessment model and timetable.

Session Topic	Potential Speakers – What are we doing Now; what other regions are doing	Committee Members - develop suggested panelist list	Timetable: Research July – September 2009
<b>OVERVIEW</b>			
Ecosystem – what is it? Why is it important?	Emanuel Carter and other ESF faculty TBD	Emanuel	September 2009 Presentation
Sustainability – the big picture	Greening USA, The Amos Project?	Diane, Peter ...	September 2009 Presentation
<b>TOPIC AREAS</b>			
Land Use Planning		Megan, Sam	Sept – February Presentation
Green Infrastructure - roads, sewers , ecosystems		Karen ,	Sept – February Presentation

Transportation	Nell Donaldson?	Carlo	Sept – February Presentation
Other Energy Usage		Joe ,	Sept – February Presentation
Green Buildings and Housing	US Green Building Council?	Carlo, Peter	Sept – February Presentation
Waste Recycling			Sept – February Presentation
Natural Resources preservation; food, farms		Paul, Sarah, Sam	Sept – February Presentation
Green Jobs, Products, Services	Linda Hartsock?	Steve, Lori, Hanah	Sept – February Presentation
Case Study#1 – Grand Rapids, MI		Diane	Sept – February Presentation
Public Perceptions and Motivations		Gregg, Dan	Sept – February Presentation

**Newly recommended articles and websites:**

**ICLEI:** <http://www.iclei.org/>- international association of Local Governments for Sustainability

**Agenda 21:** <http://www.un.org/esa/dsd/agenda21/> - U.N. Commission for Sustainable Development

**Chapter 28 of Agenda 21:** [http://www.un.org/esa/dsd/agenda21/res\\_agenda21\\_28.shtml](http://www.un.org/esa/dsd/agenda21/res_agenda21_28.shtml)

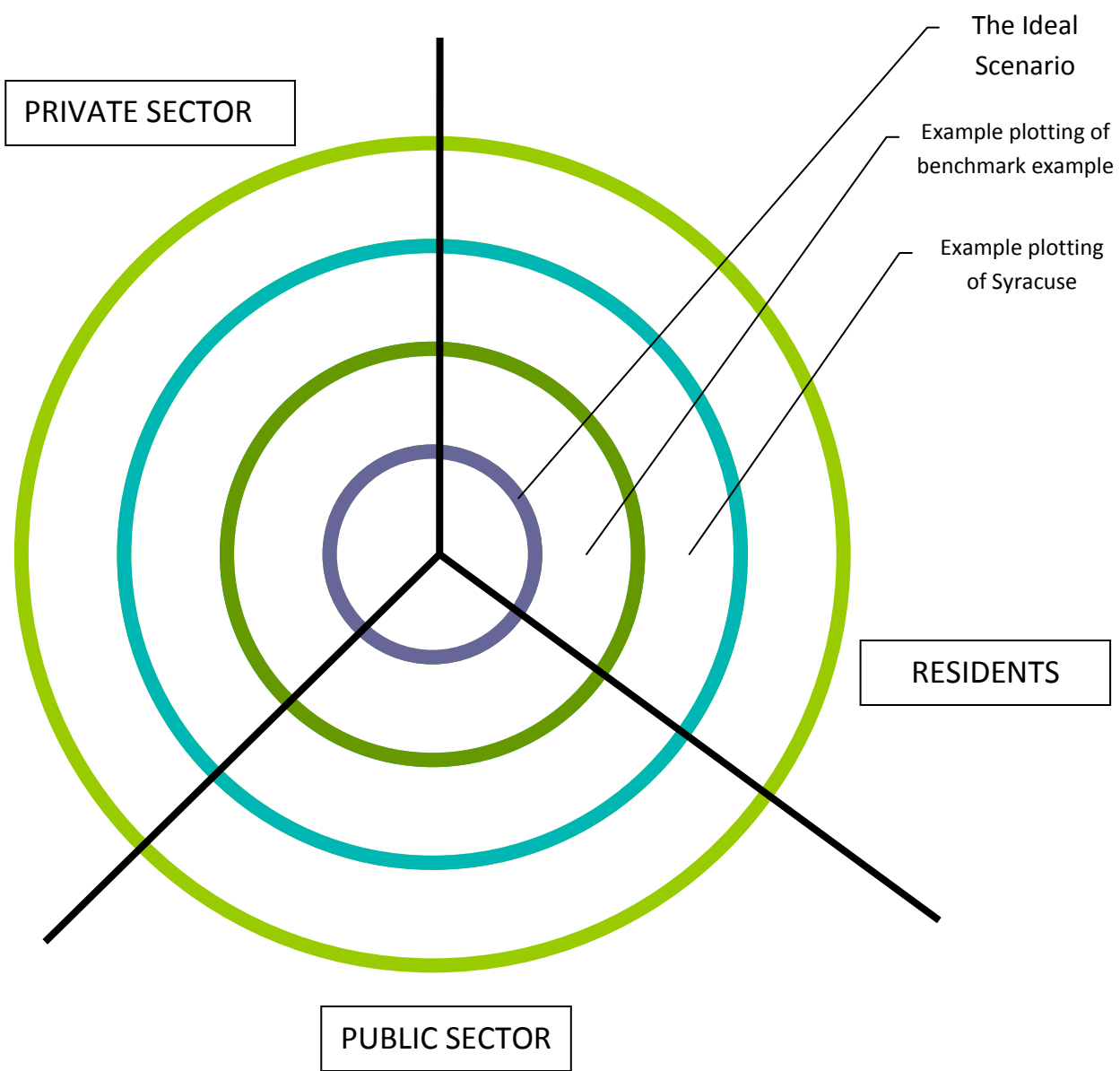
– Local Authorities’ Initiatives

**Sightline.org:** <http://www.sightline.org/> - Seattle-based Pacific NW think tank

**GREENING WITH ENVY:** article on peer information/social pressure in the July/August Atlantic:  
<http://www.theatlantic.com/doc/200907/green-envy>

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, July 21, 4 – 5:15 PM, 307 University College

**Agenda:** Further refine the Study Session topic areas and develop standard questions for each panel



## Comparative Assessment – Syracuse vs. XYZ locale