North Carolina Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Stakeholder Engagement

Western Piedmont Community College Morganton, NC

December 5, 2023 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

1.	Welcome and Introduction (Julie Woosley, NCDEQ)		6:30-6:40 pm
	a.	Welcoming remarks	
	b.	Introductions	
2.	Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Overview (NCDEQ Staff)		6:40-7:25 pm
	a.	Program overview and objectives (Helen Hossley)	
	b.	North Carolina greenhouse gas inventory (Robin Barrows)	
	c.	Greenhouse gas reduction measures (Stephanie Bolyard)	
	d.	Prioritization of GHG reduction measures (Stephanie Bolyard)	
	e.	Targeted areas for implementation (Stephanie Bolyard)	
3.	. Timeline, Next Steps, and Providing Ongoing Feedback (Julie Woosley, NCDEQ)		7:25-7:35 pm
4.	. Facilitated Public Discussion (Robin Barrows, NCDEQ)		7:35-7:50 pm
5.	5. Open Question and Answers		7:50-8:15 pm

At the conclusion of this agenda staff may be available for tabletop discussions

North Carolina Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Stakeholder Engagement Presentation Summary

As a part of the Inflation Reduction Act, the <u>Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program</u> provides states, local governments, territories and tribes with funds to develop and implement plans for achieving these objectives. North Carolina has received a \$3 million award this year for planning activities and is eligible to compete for the \$4.3 billion that EPA will award starting next year.

As part of the CPRG program, North Carolina will develop a Priority Climate Action Plan and a Comprehensive Climate Action Plan. The PCAP will identify North Carolina's highest priority greenhouse gas reduction measures and determine the method for ensuring equitable implementation of these measures for the benefit of all North Carolinians. The CCAP will update and expand upon North Carolina's existing climate strategies, ensuring that these documents align with the latest available science, modeling, and best practices.

The presentation outlines how the NC Department of Environmental Quality will develop the PCAP and will engage the community to solicit feedback about potential projects, partnerships, and priorities that NC DEQ might want to include in their final grant submission to the EPA.