April 9, 2022

The Grassroots Network Climate Emergency Mobilization Team and the Climate Adaptation and Restoration Team held their joint meeting on Saturday, April 9, 2022.

Our featured presenters were Jen Hensley and Taylor Becker who spoke to us about How to Secure Federal Funding for State and Local Projects.

Jen is Sierra Club’s Director of State Lobbying and Advocacy. With a background in biology, she has worked for the Sierra Club for 20+ years in a variety of roles with more than half of that time at the Illinois Chapter. At the chapter she engaged in a great deal of the chapter’s lobbying and political work. Jen now works with Taylor Becker, Chapter lobbying staff, and legislative volunteers on state level advocacy in state capitols and agencies.

Taylor earned a Masters degree in Public Policy and Administration from Northwestern University and serves as Sierra Club’s State Lobbying and Advocacy Representative. She has been working for Sierra Club as a part of the State Lobbying and Advocacy Team for four years. Prior to working for the Sierra Club, Taylor worked for Susan G. Komen Chicagoland as a Mission Coordinator and participated in Teach for America where she taught fourth and fifth grade in Chicago.

Links to meeting resources:

- **Video Recording:** A recording of our meeting, including Jen’s and Taylor’s complete presentation:
  
  https://sierraclub.zoom.us/rec/share/7iQDJzJcBaRtbhjHi8nKAYyvi47HuU1YL22CHhm-gnsmAemBcxL8PTMAO3Ks4ikk.iuFEQwAu7f7X8Zob

- **Presentation Slides:**
  
  https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1XKFmDi18DnrL3zhHD8jwxt0wd4lZGKiz/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=117080040943019076684&rtphof=true&sd=true

- **Chat Box:** The meeting’s Chat box:
  
  https://sierraclub.zoom.us/rec/sdownload/ozNLqNw1ZAQIkhTnpYsA0sB1KnxXqkYuUmjl1xRGcWx_6FL30RKdQ-J1St-FxLdOaEamvaXhPdLKQ2.6brN55SCbhcy5DXi

- **Survey:** Please take a few moments to fill out this participant survey to help guide our next steps!
  
  https://forms.gle/p2QFNz3XXKSvUumh9A

- **Additional Resources from Sierra Club:**
○ IIJA Upcoming Funding Opportunities: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Irj_3jetGm1y11XCV5rbqSnYPOR0Cq6vYTtzOc86R4/edit?usp=sharing

○ IIJA Funding Hub: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1F4UJ8q3O1aNpc-3i9KKYe4JG2smGVUmuqdTcO7lJn4/edit?usp=sharing

○ Justice40: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lnX5dJTuHekV_qW6XISPsQbjW88UNhdVfYyLxn-Mivo/edit?usp=sharing

○ Sample Campaign Plans:
  ■ Brownfields: https://docs.google.com/document/d/141AUuFtb62tDSFbPd3G9oJQZWaTkQY-84Rk46Osix-I/edit?usp=sharing
  ■ Flood Mitigation: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1p-3oPc7oO68BlDa5nXoOUjjBNaFSTslC5BhsHA-elY/edit?usp=sharing
  ■ Electrification (Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grants): https://docs.google.com/document/d/14SW_6ADFCdnovDytSnYmyYhvs2L5iXx8MqBztKOghjQ/edit?usp=sharing

○ Sample Letter from Sierra Club IL to their State Department of Transportation: https://activetrans.org/busreports/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Letter-to-the-IL-Governor-in-support-of-Equitable-and-Sustainable-Transportation-spending.pdf

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