9.24.13 WNYEA Waste & Pollution Working Group

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- The group discussed the new grant that CCEC has received to expand its focus on recycling and solid waste management plans and possible promotional opportunities and collaborations for the future of the program
  - Perhaps this program can help to expand the Mapping Waste Report by including Chautauqua County into the data
  - The group offered itself as a resource for the program (the WNYEA doesn’t see county lines)
- The group recognized the importance of how waste and the economy are related—area to study
- The group recognized that West Valley Nuclear Waste Site was created because of an initial intention to recycle waste
- Discussion around the Climate Change Panel—
  - Crisis planning for our waste sites?
  - Is there a public ask that this group can make in order to increase public attention/action surrounding the Gowanda flooding in regards to waste sites? Relationship to floods in Colorado?
  - Flooding and slumping

Questions for the DOE (?)
- What is the new definition of “public participation?”
- What is the ‘worst case scenario’ response plan?
- What’s the progress of the phase 1 studies? What’s the timeline in regards to the 2020 deadline? When are we moving to phase 2?

Should the group hold a public meeting? These questions should be asked at a Coalition Quarterly Meeting...

Plug for the Love Canal Anniversary Event—October 22 at Niagara Culinary Institute; Lynda will send out more information when available

October 26 Drug Drop Off

September 28 Daemen Summit

Lynda also suggested visiting county executives and Mayor Dyster in regards to the Mapping Waste Elected Officials visits