In November of 2012, the Western New York Environmental Alliance (WNYEA) presented its 2013 Action Agenda. The agenda contains 10 planks from 7 of the Alliance’s Working Groups, all dealing with environmental issues impacting the Western New York Region. To learn more about the Action Agenda items of the WNYEA and their progress, get involved in the Alliance through the Working/Process Group Meetings, signing up for a listserv, or visiting the WNYEA section on GrowWNY. Or continue reading to learn about the latest Energy and Climate Change Working Group meeting.

On Thursday, April 4, 2013, the Energy and Climate Change Working Group held their regularly scheduled meeting. The key focuses of this meeting were:

- WNYEA Greenway Task Force
- Update on Action Agenda Items
- Brainstorming for 2014 Action Agenda Items

Within the Western New York Environmental Alliance, there has been some concern voiced about the Niagara River Greenway. There has been a suggestion to create a task force with representatives from different Alliance Working Groups to address these concerns and decide the best action for them. Members of this group are encouraged to attend once a meeting is set up. This group can provide insight on how areas of the Greenway impact energy and climate change.

The group’s updates on the 2013 action items are:

- There had been a letter sent to the governor’s office about the Feed in Tariff. The governor’s office has responded and the group needs to set up a meeting, either via Skype or in person.

Some ideas for 2014 Action Agenda items are:

- The group wants to look into a renewable energy study. There might be another organization looking into doing a similar study, so the group is researching the best approach to this.

For a full summary of the meeting, please check the Working Group’s page for the meeting minutes. Minutes from last month’s meeting have been approved and can be found here.
Do you have feedback or suggestions for this group? Tell us in the comment section below, or come to the next meeting on Thursday, May 2, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. at the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo Offices at the Larkin at Exchange, Suite 525, 726 Exchange St., Buffalo, NY 14210.