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<u>Land Use and Local Government Panel - Update on themes within Public Comments, and Waste Panel Updates</u>

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On February 22 the Land Use and Local Government Panel featured an update on the themes within public comments. Carbon sequestration emerged as a major topic of concern. NYSERDA's Kara Allen presented 10 just transition principles devised by the Just Transition Working Group intended to guide the work of the advisory panels. The Panel then heard updates from several sub-groups. A second Local Officials Roundtable will be held on March 2 and there will be an opportunity for public comment following the Panel's March 8 meeting.

The Waste Panel also met on February 22. Chair Martin Brand (DEC) gave several updates including a request for comments on the integration analysis assumptions due on March 19. He also set an internal deadline for the Panel's draft recommendations for the same date. The Panel then heard report outs from the wastewater resource recovery and materials management subgroups. A common recommendation spanning both groups was a statewide plan for organics management. The Panel reconvenes on March 3.