



Climate Smart Communities



Southern Tier West

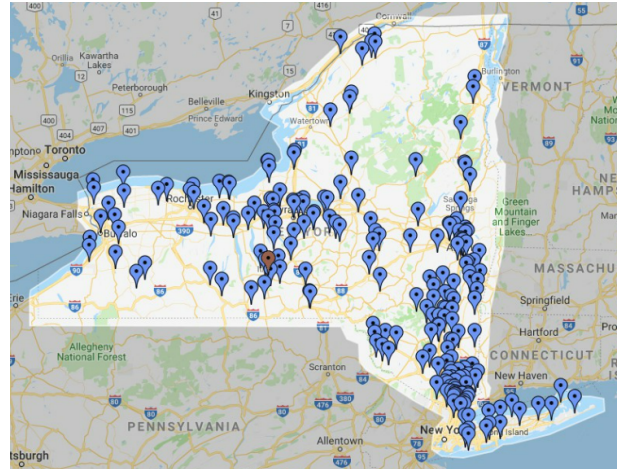
Regional Planning & Development Board

Make a Difference by
Becoming a

CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY

Climate Smart Communities (CSC) is a New York State program that supports local governments in leading their communities to be more sustainable, reduce pollution, adapt to the effects of climate change, and thrive in a green economy.

WHO IS PARTICIPATING?



There are currently 373 communities in New York participating in the CSC program. 91 of these communities completed and documented their climate smart actions to become Bronze Certified. Certification provides communities priority funding status on various state grant programs.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE IN CSC?



RECEIVE FUNDING
DEC CSC Grant program & more



SAVE MONEY
with clean energy upgrades



FREE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
Greenhouse gas inventories,
climate action plans, & grant applications



**REDUCE THE COST OF
ELECTRIC & HYBRID VEHICLES**



NETWORK
community leaders share best practices
learned through program participation



Representatives from the DEC, the Towns of Manlius, Owasco, and Richland and the Village of Pulaski celebrate Climate Smart Communities Certification achievements at a press event, May 24, 2022



HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CSC PROGRAM

- **Contact your local CSC Coordinator - Sarah Swinko**, who is available to help answer any questions and guide your community through the CSC Program (Contact information at bottom of page).
- **Visit the CSC Website** (<https://climatesmart.ny.gov>) for additional information.
- **Register by adopting the CSC Pledge** (listed to the left) to have your community on the map.
- **Create a CSC Task Force** - an advisory group who identifies climate smart actions to take & implements these actions in the community.
- **Document and submit actions to become Certified.**

THE CSC PLEDGE

- 1) Build a climate smart community.
- 2) Inventory emissions, set goals, & plan for climate action.
- 3) Decrease energy use.
- 4) Shift to clean, renewable energy.
- 5) Use climate smart materials management.
- 6) Implement climate smart land use.
- 7) Enhance community resilience to climate change.
- 8) Support a green innovation economy.
- 9) Inform and inspire the public.
- 10) Engage in an evolving process of climate action.



Students from the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry presenting a municipal greenhouse gas inventory report. STW is proud to partner with local institutions and organizations in assisting municipalities participating in the CSC program.

OUR SERVICES

Southern Tier West's services are **FREE** for your community. As the Community Sustainability Planner, my services include but are not limited to:

- **CSC Certification & Documentation Support**
- **Greenhouse Gas Inventories**
- **Climate Action Planning**

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