

Climate Smart Communities Webinar March 12, 2015



Mobilizing Regional Climate Action

This webinar will begin shortly.



Welcome

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<http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/50845.html>





Climate Smart Community Webinars

Schedule: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/86246.html>

- April 9, 10:30 a.m. *Reducing Community Transportation Emissions.*
- May 14, 10:30 a.m. *Implementing Environmental Purchasing Policies*

Events

- March 21, *Adirondack Climate Reality 2015 Conference.* Queensbury. <https://adirondackclimateresality.wordpress.com>
- April 16, Long Island Coastal Resiliency Summit. Central Islip. <http://www.tourolaw.edu/LandUseInstitute/?pageid=792>
- April 27-29, *15th Annual Meeting, New York State Floodplain and Stormwater Managers Association.* East Syracuse. <http://nyfloods.org>



DEC E-mail Updates and News: www.dec.ny.gov

The screenshot shows the DEC website homepage with the following elements:

- Navigation Menu (Left):**
 - Outdoor Activities: Places To Go • Hunting • Trapping • Fishing • Boating & Paddling • Camping • Shellfishing • Hiking • More Activities
 - Animals, Plants, Aquatic Life
 - Chemical and Pollution Control
 - Energy and Climate: Oil and Gas • Climate Change • Community Sustainability • Clean Energy
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Love the outdoors?
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- NEWS FROM DEC:**
 - Hazardous Waste Draft Regulations - available for public comment through 4/6
 - Summer Camp - registration now open for Catskill, Delaware, Ruanford, and Pack Forest
 - Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities - adopted regulation effective 3/25
 - DEC's Budget testimony - given by Commissioner Martens 1/29
 - NY Ocean Action Plan - draft plan available for public comment until 3/9
 - Commissioner Martens prohibits High-Volume Hydraulic Fracturing - Report available as a PDF on DOH website
 - Recycle Your Old Electronics - find out how new law effective 1/1/15
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 - PRESS RELEASES
 - ONLINE NEWSLETTERS
 - Purchase a Sporting License
 - Conservationist Magazine
 - Watchable Wildlife
 - Facebook, Twitter, YouTube icons
 - This Week's Events:
 - March 10 - Canada Goose Hunting Season Final Day - South Zone
 - March 10 - Snow Goose Hunting Season Final Day - Long Island Zone
 - March 10 - Hazardous Waste Management Regulations 6 NYCRR Part 370 Series Public Meeting - Proposed Cleanup of Mill Schoone Erie (St. Simons Island)
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CSC Pledge Element 10: Commit to an evolving process of climate action.



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10.1	Report on progress annually	4
10.2	Update strategies and plan(s)	4
10.3	Cooperate with neighboring communities and partner agencies	3

Beginning the Certification Process

1. Review certification materials
2. Designate a project coordinator
3. Get organized
4. Gather publicly available information
5. Request materials from local government staff



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Recommendation: Start with priority actions – see “First Steps” resources guide at www.dec.ny.gov/energy/96532.html.



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NYS Environmental Excellence Awards

An Opportunity for Statewide Recognition

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NYS Environmental Excellence Awards



Recognizes:

Innovation Sustainability Creative Partnerships

Honors:

Businesses Municipalities/Government Agencies
Municipalities Not-For-Profits
Academia Individuals

Eligible Projects Must ...



- Be in full operation for at least 1 year;
- Result in significant and **measurable** environmental benefits;
- Be submitted by an applicant who is in compliance;
- Be unique ... innovative ... cutting edge.

Unique and Stellar Projects ...

- Adaptation to climate change & reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- Implementing clean-tech and pollution prevention technologies
- “Greening” businesses, farms, schools, recreational facilities and hospitality facilities
- Innovative wind, solar and biomass projects

More of what we like to showcase:

- Green infrastructure
- Natural resource/habitat protection & restoration efforts
- Innovative wastewater projects
- Energy efficiency improvements
- Waste reduction and recycling efforts
- Manufacturing process improvements
- Creative approaches to urban forestry & farming
- Programs advancing "grown locally"



A Climate Smart Community Award Winner

Town of North Hempstead (2009):

- A groundbreaking partnership with public schools to implement a comprehensive recycling program.
- A model of excellence from an environmental and economic perspective.



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Onondaga County (2011):

- An environmentally sound, cost-effective model to capture the local organics stream and produce a sustainable product
- The program is generating jobs, reducing disposal costs and helping New York State achieve it's "beyond waste" goals and objectives.



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Southampton (2013)

- Enacted the first municipal program in New York State to prohibit single-use, plastic, grocery-sized shopping bags



Application Review Schedule

- Application deadline **Friday April 10, 2015**
- Eligibility, Technical and Compliance Reviews conducted during the summer;
- External Review Committee review during late summer/early fall;
- Award ceremony in late November



What's In It For You?



- Statewide recognition for your commitment to sustainability, social responsibility and economic viability
- Visibility for your community and the accomplishments you have achieved
- Be seen as a leader and a model of excellence

Thank You!



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