

# Clean Energy Communities

Climate Smart Communities Certification



**DEVELOP**  
a comprehensive  
local climate  
program

**DEMONSTRATE**  
leadership in  
climate action

**REDUCE**  
the carbon footprint  
80% by 2050

**EARN**  
up to 1,400 points

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## Take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate

The Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Certification program, one of the High Impact Actions communities can complete to become a Clean Energy Community, provides municipalities with a robust framework to guide their local climate action. CSC Certification recognizes high-performing communities for their leadership in reducing emissions and adapting to a changing climate.

The Climate Smart Communities website, known as the certification portal, provides an online platform for local governments to learn about the actions and program requirements, upload documentation, communicate with those who review documentation and track their progress toward certification.

## Earn recognition and unlock access to grant funding

NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities Program recognizes and rewards local governments for their clean energy leadership.

Each High Impact Action is worth points collected upon completion of the action. The points you earn count toward unlocking access to Designation Grant funding. Earning more points allows you to reach higher designation levels and to earn larger amounts of grant funding.

You can earn up to 1,400 points toward a Designation Grant by completing this action.

Visit [nyserda.ny.gov/cec](https://nyserda.ny.gov/cec) to review the full list of High Impact Actions and Available Grants.

## Ready to get started?

Dedicated and knowledgeable Clean Energy Communities Coordinators are available to assist municipal staff as they implement this action. Your regional Clean Energy Community Coordinator will review your goals and help you determine which actions are best for your community and how to access grant funding.

Visit [nyserda.ny.gov/cec](https://nyserda.ny.gov/cec) or email [cec@nyserda.ny.gov](mailto:cec@nyserda.ny.gov) to learn more or get started.



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