



Develop
a comprehensive
local climate program

Demonstrate
leadership in
climate action

Reduce
the carbon footprint
80 percent by 2050

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Create a healthier, more vibrant community.

The Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Certification program, one of 10 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.

Designed around 10 pledge elements, the CSC Certification program honors communities for their accomplishments through a rating system leading to four levels of award: Certified, Bronze, Silver, and Gold. Communities can choose from more than 120 individual actions to earn points toward certification.

Earn credit toward the Clean Energy Communities designation

NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities Program recognizes and rewards local governments for their clean energy leadership. Complete four of the ten High Impact Actions to earn the Clean Energy Community designation as well as a grant of up to \$250,000 with no local cost share to support additional clean energy projects.

To earn credit for this high impact action, municipalities must meet the requirements to become a certified Climate Smart Community at the Certified, Bronze, Silver, or Gold level and must be listed as certified at **www.dec.ny.gov/energy/56876.html**

Get started

Municipalities have access to approximately 50 hours of free on-demand technical assistance from a Clean Energy Community Coordinator and a toolkit that includes step-by-step guidance and other tools and resources.

Visit **nyserdera.ny.gov/cec** or email **cec@nyserdera.ny.gov** for more information, including detailed program requirements.