



# Climate Smart Communities Certification

A High-Impact Action for the Clean Energy Communities Program

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# Clean Energy Communities Program

NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities program provides grants, coordinator support, and a clear path forward to local governments that demonstrate leadership by completing NYSERDA-selected high-impact actions.

Who is eligible:

- ✓ **City, town, village, and county governments**

Easy to participate:

- ✓ **Local governments complete high-impact actions to earn grants and recognition**

Key advantages include:

- ✓ **Flexible grant funding with no local cost share**
- ✓ **Free coordinator support**
- ✓ **Recognition for your community's leadership**

# Climate Smart Communities Certification

- The Climate Smart Communities Certification (CSC) program provides local governments with a robust framework to guide their climate action and enables high-performing communities to achieve recognition for their leadership.
- Designed around the CSC pledge elements, the certification program recognizes communities for their accomplishments through a rating system.
- Get started by visiting [www.climatesmart.ny.gov](http://www.climatesmart.ny.gov)

# Requirements

Demonstrate completion of the Climate Smart Communities Certification action by completing one or more of the following:

## **Bronze Certification - 600 Points**

Submit a screenshot of the [www.climatesmart.ny.gov](http://www.climatesmart.ny.gov) website or comparable information, that demonstrates the applying jurisdiction has been listed as a Bronze or Silver Certified Climate Smart Community.

## **Silver Certification – 200 Points**

Submit a screenshot of the [www.climatesmart.ny.gov](http://www.climatesmart.ny.gov) website or comparable information, that demonstrates the applying jurisdiction has been listed as a Silver Certified Climate Smart Community.

\*Please note that if your community is Silver CSC Certified, you are eligible to earn credit for both Bronze Certification and Silver Certification. Please submit for each separately to earn 800 points total.

# The Bottom Line

Local government officials that implement Climate Smart Communities Certification can expect to:

- ✓ Develop a comprehensive climate program
- ✓ Create a healthier, more vibrant community
- ✓ Reduce the carbon footprint 80 percent by 2050

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