



County-Hosted Trainings

A High-Impact Action for the Clean Energy Communities Program

Communities and Local Government Team at NYSERDA

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**

County-Hosted Trainings

- County Governments are uniquely positioned to convene and support local governments.
- Trainings help communities understand how to manage responsible clean energy development in their communities.
- To qualify, representatives from at least 35 percent of the municipalities in the county must attend.
- All trainings are eligible for continuing education credit.
 - For Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals Members, subject to approval by the municipality.
 - Building Safety Inspectors and Code Enforcement Officials that complete two of the trainings are eligible for in-service credits from the NYS Department of State, Building Standards and Codes.
- Expert trainers are provided by NYSERDA free of charge.

County-Hosted Trainings

Earn up to 1,500 points by hosting one or more of the following NYSERDA trainings:

300 Points	<p>Overview of the Model Solar Energy Law</p> <p>Provides an in-depth review of the customizable template zoning law contained in NYSERDA’s Solar Guidebook for Local Governments. Municipal board members, code enforcement officials, and staff are encouraged to attend.</p>
300 Points	<p>Overview of the Model Battery Energy Storage System Law</p> <p>Provides an in-depth review of the customizable template zoning law contained in NYSERDA’s Battery Energy Storage System Guidebook for Local Governments. Municipal board members, code enforcement officials, and staff are encouraged to attend.</p>
300 Points	<p>Clean Energy and Your Comprehensive Plan</p> <p>Offers an introduction to best practices and strategies for incorporating clean energy goals and objectives into a new or updated municipal comprehensive plan. Municipal board members, planning staff, and comprehensive plan committee members are encouraged to attend.</p>
300 Points	<p>Battery Energy Storage for First Responders</p> <p>Introduces key safety considerations for battery energy storage systems for codes and building officials; covered topics include fire prevention considerations and compliance with the 2020 NYS Uniform Code. Code enforcement and building officials are encouraged to attend.</p>
300 Points	<p>Solar PV Permitting and Inspecting</p> <p>Offers an in-depth review of permitting and inspecting solar energy systems in New York State from start to finish; topics covered include the NYS Unified Solar Permit and various components of the NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code. Code enforcement and building officials are encouraged to attend.</p>

Planning for the Trainings

- First step is to contact your regional NYSERDA Clean Energy Community Coordinator
- The County is responsible for logistics, publicizing and promoting the training, and tracking attendance. Allow a minimum 4 weeks lead time.
- NYSERDA trainers are available on a first come first serve basis. Counties reserve times using a simple scheduling tool.
- Trainings may be virtual or in-person.

Requirements

- To qualify, at least one municipal staff member, elected official, or member of an official municipal board or committee from at least 35 percent of the municipalities in the county must attend.
- If needed, more than one training may be hosted to achieve the 35 percent threshold.
- The host county representative should be involved as a partner in the presentation by providing an introduction explaining why the topic is necessary and important in the county and helping with Q&A.
- To earn credit for this action, submit a completed County-Hosted Trainings Certification Form (accessed in the County-Hosted Trainings toolkit at www.nyserda.ny.gov/cec) including a list with the name and date of the training, and attendee information – including name, title, email or phone number, and associated municipality – to demonstrate the requirements of this action have been met.

Requirements

- The certification form (available in the toolkit) indicates the minimum number of required municipalities based on the number of local governments in your county.

NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities Program (PON 3298)

County-Hosted Trainings Certification Form

Step 1 - Select your County from dropdown:

Step 2 - Select Training Type from dropdown:

Minimum Number of Required Municipalities: **(Complete Step 1)**

Number Attending Training: **(Complete Step 3)**

Step 4 - Enter County Contact Information

Name

Title

Telephone #

Email

Step 3 - Complete the list below

Instructions: Please list all attendees. Only select a community in the "Municipality" dropdown menu when the attendee is a municipal staff member, elected official, or member of an official municipal board or committee. To earn credit for the County-Hosted Training high-impact action, at least 35 percent of municipalities in the County must be represented by a qualified attendee that stays for the entire training.

	Municipality (Select from dropdown menu)	Date of Training	Name	Title	Dept / Organization / Board Affiliation	Email	Phone
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2							
3							
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The Bottom Line

County officials that implement the County Hosted Trainings HIA can:

- ✓ Provide value to their communities
- ✓ Apply best practice to promote sound policy
- ✓ Help advance state and local clean energy goals

Contact

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