

# Clean Energy Communities

## Unified Solar Permit



**EFFICIENTLY HANDLE**  
large numbers of  
solar permits

**HELP**  
permit applicants  
get approved

**SUPPORT**  
the local solar  
industry

**EARN**  
200 points

## Simplify solar installation in your community

Adopting a New York State Unified Solar Permit will streamline the approval process for installing solar in the community. This standardized permit is expected to cut costs by creating a uniform permitting process in municipalities across the State.

As municipalities adopt the permit, installers and municipalities will save time and resources permitting solar electric systems. An expedited process will allow these standard systems to pass quickly through the jurisdictional review process, freeing up time for all involved parties, decreasing the overall installation time for customers, and allowing nonstandard systems the necessary time for detailed review.

## Earn recognition and unlock access to grant funding

NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities Program recognizes and rewards local governments for their clean energy leadership. By completing four High Impact Actions, you can earn the Clean Energy Community designation as well as grant funding to support additional clean energy projects.

Each High Impact Action is worth points collected upon completion of the action. The points you earn count toward unlocking access to point-based grant funding. Certain High Impact Actions are also eligible for additional Action Grants. You can earn 200 points toward a grant by completing this action.

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

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