

# Clean Energy Communities

Build-Ready



**ADVANCE**  
large-scale  
renewable projects

**DEVELOP**  
underutilized land

**COLLABORATE**  
with local partners  
and stakeholders

**EARN**  
up to 800 points

## Develop renewable energy projects on underutilized land

The Build-Ready Program advances large-scale renewable energy projects on underutilized land, such as brownfields, landfills, former industrial sites, parking lots, and abandoned or existing commercial and industrial sites.

Working with local partners and stakeholders, the Build-Ready Program takes difficult sites and makes them “build-ready” for private renewable energy developers to ultimately construct and operate. The Build-Ready Program carries out the project design, engineering, permitting, and electric grid interconnection activities as well as developing a project host community benefit package.

Once a site reaches a specific development milestone, the Build-Ready Program runs a competitive request for proposal (RFP) to award and transfer the project to a private developer and to procure Tier 1 Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) created through the production of renewable energy from the Build-Ready project. The private developer will oversee final design, financing, construction, ownership, and operation.

## 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 800 points toward a Designation 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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