

# Clean Energy Communities

## Benchmarking



**IDENTIFY**  
energy saving  
opportunities in  
buildings

**SPARK**  
investment  
in energy saving  
upgrades

**ADDRESS**  
a major source  
of emissions

**EARN**  
up to 1,000 points

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## Improve energy use in buildings

Buildings account for more than 60% of the energy used in New York State. Adopting a benchmarking policy to measure and share data on building energy use over time allows owners and occupants to compare energy usage against other buildings and better identify opportunities to cut energy waste.

Collecting, reporting, and sharing benchmarking data regularly helps building owners and government agencies make smarter investment decisions; rewards efficiency; and drives widespread, continuous improvement. The Benchmarking High Impact Action includes three separate ways to earn points: 1) Pass a resolution to track and report the energy use of municipal buildings, 2) share data with NYSERDA, and/or 3) require large private buildings to benchmark.

## 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 up to 1,000 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.

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