

# Climate Smart Communities Certification Report



This is the Climate Smart Communities Certification Report of Tusten, Town (Sullivan). Tusten, Town (Sullivan) is a bronze certified Climate Smart Community.

Tusten, Town (Sullivan) was certified on September 26, 2018 with 123 points earned from 17 completed actions. Listed below is information regarding Tusten, Town (Sullivan)'s Climate Smart Communities efforts and materials associated with its certified actions.

The certification for Tusten, Town (Sullivan) will expire on September 30, 2023.

## Contact Information

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## Actions Implemented

Each approved action and supporting documentation for which Tusten, Town (Sullivan) was approved for in 2018 appears below. Note: Standards for the actions below may have changed and the documentation listed may no longer satisfy requirements for that action. Additionally, points associated with actions prior to 2013 certifications may not be accurate.

## 1. Build a climate-smart community.

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### 1.1 Pass a Resolution Adopting the CSC Pledge

4 Points


**Program Summary:** No description was provided.

PDF: [CSC PLEDGE](#)

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#### PE1 Action: CSC Task Force

20 Points

 Bronze Mandatory

**Program Summary:** On 2/13/2012 Town of Tusten Supervisor Carol Ropke Wingert established and appointed the Committee for Energy Plan (renamed the Tusten Energy Committee a few weeks later on 3/29/2012). Appointed was Councilperson Eileen Falk, Councilperson Brandi Merolla, Star Hesse and Charles Blanchard. Councilperson Brandi Merolla was appointed as chairperson of the Committee. See attached minutes and report.

WORD: [1\\_22\\_2018.DOCX](#)

WORD: [2\\_5\\_2018.DOCX](#)

WORD: [4\\_30\\_2018.DOCX](#)

PDF: [TUSTEN 2-13-12 MINUTES REGULAR .PDF](#)


PDF: [ENERGY COMMITTEE FORMATION 02-13-12.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [TEC MEMBERS](#)

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#### PE1 Action: CSC Coordinator

10 Points

 Bronze Mandatory

**Program Summary:** No description was provided.

PDF: [RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEROLLA 2\\_14\\_2017.PDF](#)

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#### PE1 Action: National/Regional Climate Program

3 Points

**Program Summary:** The Town of Tusten participates in the CEC program. Attached is a screenshot of the CEC map.

IMAGE: [CECMAP\\_TUSTEN.PNG](#)



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## 2. Inventory emissions, set goals, and plan for climate action.

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### PE2 Action: Government Operations GHG Inventory

16 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

**Program Summary:** Attached are two GHG Government Operations Inventories, one for 2016 and one for 2017. The Town has made these two GHG emissions inventories available at the library. The Town will post both GHG Government Operations Inventories on their website. The Town's 2017 GHG emissions were 420.11 M TCO<sub>2</sub>e.


PDF: [TUSTEN\\_SUMMARY\\_GOVEMISSIONS-2016.PDF](#)

PDF: [TUSTEN\\_SUMMARY\\_GOVEMISSIONS-2017.PDF](#)

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### PE2 Action: Community GHG Inventory

16 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority



**Program Summary:** No description was provided.

PDF: [TUSTEN\\_2.2COMMUNITYGHG\\_2010.PDF](#)

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### 2.3 Establish a Government Operations Emissions Reduction Target

4 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

**Program Summary:** No description was provided.

PDF: [TUSTEN-GHG-OPERATIONS-GOAL-2.3.PDF](#)

### 3. Decrease energy use.

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#### PE3 Action: Interior Lighting Upgrades

3 Points

**Program Summary:** No description was provided.

PDF: [TUSTEN\\_LIGHTINGUPGRADE\\_1.PDF](#)

PDF: [TUSTEN\\_LIGHTINGUPGRADE\\_2.PDF](#)

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#### PE3 Action: Benchmarking - Municipal Buildings

2 Points

**Program Summary:** No description was provided.

IMAGE: [SCREENSHOT-2017-10-23 ENERGY STAR PORTFOLIO MANAGER MY PORTFOLIO.PNG](#)

EXCEL: [TUSTEN\\_BENCHMARKING.XLSX](#)

PDF: [TUSTEN\\_BENCHMARKING\\_RES\\_2\\_14\\_2017.PDF](#)

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#### 3.22 Provide E-waste Collection in Local Government Buildings

2 Points

**Program Summary:** The town of Tusten passed a resolution in July 2018 (attached) in support of their municipal e-waste recycling policy. The attached photos show the town hauling the e-waste away to a Sullivan County e-waste collection event and the sign indicating where it is collected in one building.

IMAGE: [E-WASTE RECYCLING.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [TOWN E-WASTE.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [TUSTEN E-WASTE.JPG](#)

PDF: [DOC20180713081132.PDF](#)

#### 4. Shift to clean, renewable energy.

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##### PE4 Action: Solar Energy Installation

9 Points

**Program Summary:** No description was provided.

PDF: [TUSTEN\\_PPA\\_SOLAR.PDF](#)

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##### PE4 Action: Power Purchase Agreement for Renewables

9 Points

**Program Summary:** No description was provided.

PDF: [TUSTEN\\_PPA\\_SOLAR.PDF](#)

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#### 5. Use climate-smart materials management.

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##### PE5 Action: Recycling Bins in Government Buildings

3 Points

**Program Summary:** Photographs showing labeled recycling bins in Government office buildings. A policy calling for the maximum possible recycling at events is also included.

IMAGE: [RECYCLING AT TOWN HI-WAY BARN.JPG](#)

PDF: [TUSTEN\\_RECYCLING\\_RESOLUTION.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [TUSTEN\\_TOWNHALL.JPG](#)

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##### PE5 Action: Waste Reduction Education Campaign

2 Points

**Program Summary:** In early 2018, the Town of Tusten purchased 400 reusable bags made out of recycled materials for Town residents to reduce single-use plastic bag use within the Town. The initial 400 are being distributed for free and the Town is committed to purchasing 400 more reusable bags as needed. The bags are available for pick-up at Town Hall and Town Board meetings. The attached handout is an example of the associated educational materials. Links to news articles: 1/17/18: <https://riverreporter.com/news-news-stories/committees-are-active-tusten> 2/21/18 <https://riverreporter.com/news-news-stories/tusten-board-debates-varied-agenda-items>

IMAGE: [SCAN TUSTEN TOTE.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [TUSTEN\\_RECYCLES TOTE BAG.JPG](#)

PDF: [RIVERREPORTER\\_TUSTEN.PDF](#)

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## 6. Implement climate-smart land use.

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### 6.3 Adopt a Renewable Energy Ordinance

2 Points

**Program Summary:** No description was provided.

WORD: [3\\_16\\_17\\_TUSTENMINUTES.DOCX](#)

PDF: [TUSTEN\\_USP.PDF](#)

## 8. Support a green innovation economy.

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### PE8 Action: Farmers' Markets

3 Points

**Program Summary:** The letter states that the Farmer's market fulfills the minimum 10 day minimum and that it was in operation last year. The market runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The letter also states the Town was instrumental in making the Farmer's Market happen. Councilperson promote the Farmer's market at Town Board Meetings.

PDF: [TUSTEN\\_FARMERSMARKET.PDF](#)

## 12. Performance

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### Performance: Reduce GHGs from Government Facilities

15 Points

**Program Summary:** Tusten received approval from NYSEDA for the Clean Energy Upgrades High Impact Action on 6/18/18 because the Town purchases a significant amount of electricity from a solar PPA.

WORD: [TUSTEN\\_CEU\\_VERIFICATIONREPORT.DOCX](#)

EXCEL: [2016\\_2017\\_ELECTRICITY.XLSX](#)

PDF: [TUSTEN-CEU-APPROVAL.PDF](#)