

# Climate Smart Communities Certification Report

 BRONZE CERTIFIED

This is the Climate Smart Communities Certification Report of Plattsburgh, City (Clinton). Plattsburgh, City (Clinton) is a bronze certified Climate Smart Community.

Plattsburgh, City (Clinton) was certified on October 02, 2023 with 144 points earned from 19 completed actions. Listed below is information regarding Plattsburgh, City (Clinton)'s Climate Smart Communities efforts and materials associated with its certified actions.

The certification for Plattsburgh, City (Clinton) will expire on September 30, 2028.

## Contact Information

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## Actions Implemented


Each approved action and supporting documentation for which Plattsburgh, City (Clinton) was approved for in 2023 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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## PE1 Action: CSC Task Force

20 Points

 Bronze Mandatory

**Program Summary:** Please find the CSC P1 report and an attached resolution dissolving the city's previous task force (est. 2019) and establishes a new one. The task force has met monthly since its founding. Included are minutes from 2 early meetings and minutes from 2 recent meetings.

PDF: [APPROVAL TO CREAT THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH CLIMATE TASK FORCE APRIL 21,2022](#)

PDF: [CITY OF PLATTSBURGH CLIMATE TF JUNE 22-2022\\_MINUTES.DOCX.PDF](#)

PDF: [SUBMISSION REPORT \(PLEASE READ FIRST\) FOR PE 1](#)


PDF: [CLIMATE TF APR 19-2023\\_MINUTES.DOCX.PDF](#)

PDF: [NEW APPOINTMENTS TO TASK FORCE](#)

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## PE1 Action: CSC Coordinator

10 Points

 Bronze Mandatory

**Program Summary:** The City of Plattsburgh Sustainability Task Force was dissolved April 21, 2022, and a new Climate Task Force was established and a Coordinator, myself, was appointed. I am including the executive memo from Mayor Rosenquest as supporting documentation.

PDF: [MAYOR APPOINTS TASK FORCE COORDINATOR OUTLINES DUTIES 051922 \(1\).PDF](#)

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## PE1 Action: National/Regional Climate Program

3 Points

**Program Summary:** The City of Plattsburgh is a Designated CEC in NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities (CEC) program. The City's resolution (submitted with the task force documentation) states commitment to the CSC and CEC actions "IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT, this City of Plattsburgh Climate Task Force is intended to work to fulfill the goals of the NYS Climate Smart Community and Clean Energy Community program certification requirements". The City of Plattsburgh's CEC scorecard is attached.

PDF: [CITY OF PLATTSBURGH RESOLUTION APPOINTING CSC TASK FORCE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING A COMMITMENT TO THE NYS CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITY PROGRAM](#)

PDF: [PE1: NATIONAL/REGIONAL CLIMATE PROGRAM](#)

## PE1 Action: Partnerships with Other Entities

3 Points

**Program Summary:** The task force has developed many valuable partnerships over the past year. A report has been submitted to document these partnerships and evidence of the products resulting from these partnerships are listed below.

PDF: [SUNY PUBLIC RELATIONS STUDENTS' REPORT RE: SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT CAMPAIGN](#)

PDF: [GHG INVENTORY ENGAGEMENT PLAN.PDF](#)

PDF: [SUNY SUSTAINABILITY CLASS REPORT: CITY OF PLATTSBURGH 2023 ORGANICS MANAGEMENT PLAN](#)

PDF: [SUNY SLIDESHOW PRESENTATIONS \(SEPT. 2022--APRIL, 2023\)](#)


PDF: [ORGANICSMANAGEMENTGROUPNOTES 1/2023](#)

PDF: [PE 1 CSCAPP REPORT \(PARTNERSHIPS WITH OTHER ENTITIES\) PLEASE READ FIRST](#)

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

### PE2 Action: Government Operations GHG Inventory

16 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

**Program Summary:** Funded by a CSC 50/50 grant of \$30,000, The City of Plattsburgh hired Vermont Energy Investment Corporation to conduct a Greenhouse Gas Inventory. It was completed in May, and will serve as the basis for setting reduction targets for a Climate Action Plan. The narrative summary of the inventory document is uploaded. A copy of the narrative report is posted on the city website at <https://www.cityofplattsburgh-ny.gov/boards-committees-commissions/current-sustainability-initiatives> and a hard copy of the report is available at the Plattsburgh Public Library. In addition, a city press release was posted on July 5, 2023 at <https://www.cityofplattsburgh-ny.gov/department/mayors-office/news/greenhouse-gas-inventory-city-operations-funded-nys-climate-smart>

PDF: [CITY OF PLATTSBURGH GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS GHG INVENTORY 2023](#)

PDF: [PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCING GHG INVENTORY COMPLETION](#)

PDF: [PE2: GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS GHG INVENTORY](#)

### 3. Decrease energy use.

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#### PE3 Action: Fleet Efficiency Policy

2 Points

**Program Summary:** This recently passed policy lays out the guidelines for developing a city fleet that will be energy efficient and increasingly reliant on alternative sources to fuel it.

PDF: [CRTRESFLEETPOL.PDF](#)

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#### PE3 Action: LED Street Lights

12 Points

**Program Summary:** The City of Plattsburgh is applying for 12 points for PE3: LED Street Lights. The City has completed both CEC Street Light HIAs- Decorative Street Lights HIA (4 points) and Cobra Head Street Lights HIA (8 points). Approval from NYSERDA CEC attached.

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PDF: [CECCERTDECLIGHTS.PDF](#)

PDF: [PE3: LED STREET LIGHTS](#)

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#### PE3 Action: Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy

2 Points

**Program Summary:** Points Requested: 2 Energy efficiency standards included in policy: 1 Recycled materials standards included in policy: 1 On December 19, 2019, the City of Plattsburgh adopted an Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy. Section B and section D address recycled materials standards and energy efficiency standards. The entire policy is attached to the application.

PDF: [GREENPROCUREMENTCR.PDF](#)

PDF: [PE3: ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE PURCHASING POLICY](#)

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#### PE3 Action: Energy Code Enforcement Training

5 Points

**Program Summary:** The City of Plattsburgh received approval from NYSERDA for the completion of the Energy Code Enforcement Training- Leadership Round High Impact Action under NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities program.

PDF: [PE3: ENERGY CODE ENFORCEMENT TRAINING](#)

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

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##### PE4 Action: Heat Pumps

9 Points

**Program Summary:** Three heat pumps have been installed in City Hall, overseen by the Department of Public Work's Supervisor, Michael Bessette, working with a contractor to install. The City is applying for 9 points for the installations at this municipal building. Included in the documentation is an email from M. Bessette describing the type and location of each heat pump and billing information from the installer, Hogan. ("Heat Pump Docs). An attached report includes photos from City Hall and a link to The Mayor's Office supplied the press release that was issued 2/2022 and a link to an article in our local paper is here: [https://www.pressrepublican.com/news/city-hall-renovations-aim-to-up-energy-efficiency/article\\_0c41ae88-ab32-11ec-921c-17fb30b7b739.html](https://www.pressrepublican.com/news/city-hall-renovations-aim-to-up-energy-efficiency/article_0c41ae88-ab32-11ec-921c-17fb30b7b739.html).

PDF: [HEAT PUMP RECORDS FROM DPW SUPERVISOR, MIKE BESSETTE.PDF](#)

PDF: [MAYOR PRESS RELEASE - CITY HALL REPAIRS.PDF](#)

PDF: [CITY OF PLATTSBURGH HEAT PUMP EDUCATIONAL SIGNAGE](#)

PDF: [CITY OF PLATTSBURGH HOGAN REFRIGERATION HEAT PUMP QUOTES](#)

PDF: [PE4: HEAT PUMPS](#)

PDF: [REPORT, PART 2 \(PRESS RELEASE AND PHOTOS\)](#)

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

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

3 Points

**Program Summary:** The city first committed to recycling in government buildings in 2019, installing receptacles in offices and central collection sites within them as well. Included below are the recycling policy and the certified resolution establishing it.

PDF: [RECYCLE:CR.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [PUBLIC LIBRARY-A.DLC.JPG RECYCLE.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [WRRF-PAPER-K.GUSHLAW.JPEG](#)

IMAGE: [RECYCLECITY CLERK-MAYOR OFFICE OUTSIDE-S.PAROTTE.JPG](#)

PDF: [PE5: RECYCLING BINS IN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS](#)


IMAGE: [FINANCERECYCLE2.JPG](#)

#### 6. Implement climate-smart land use.

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## PE6 Action: Comprehensive Plan with Sustainability Elements

21 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

**Program Summary:** The City of Plattsburgh is applying for 21 points for their Comprehensive Plan with Sustainability Elements.

PDF: [2022\\_11\\_7\\_UPDATED\\_COMP\\_PLAN\\_FINAL\\_COPY.PDF](#)

PDF: [APPENDIX B: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY](#)

PDF: [PE6: COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WITH SUSTAINABILITY ELEMENTS](#)

PDF: [CITY OF PLATTSBURGH- COMMON COUNCIL ACCEPTANCE- COMPREHENSIVE PLAN](#)

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## PE6 Action: Planning for Biking and Walking

3 Points

**Program Summary:** In 2021, the City of Plattsburgh developed the "Bike Friendly Plattsburgh" plan on how to incorporate more bike friendly infrastructure in the city. In addition, the Comprehensive Plan developed in 2022, prioritizes the use of alternative transportation including biking and walking. In 2022 the City of Plattsburgh partnered with Clinton County Health Department on an Active Community Concept Plan focused on developing biking and walking infrastructure in the city.

PDF: [BIKE FRIENDLY PLATTSBURGH PLAN](#)

PDF: [CITY OF PLATTSBURGH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN](#)

PDF: [PE6: PLANNING FOR BIKING AND WALKING](#)

PDF: [2022 ACTIVE COMMUNITY CONCEPT PLAN](#)

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## PE6 Action: Infrastructure for Biking and Walking

7 Points

**Program Summary:** The City of Plattsburgh has steadily improved conditions for its residents to bike and walk. Please see the report summarizing our action requirements as well as a slide show of photo documentation. Expand and improve bike/walking paths, bike lanes, and sidewalks 3 Improve bike parking 2 Improve bike and pedestrian signage 2 Total 7 points

IMAGE: [EMAIL/CITYPLANNER/RE:BIKEINFRASTRUCTURE](#)



PDF: [GOOGLESHEETSFROM SENIORPLANNER, ELISHABARTLETT](#)

PDF: [PE6 REPORT: INFRASTRUCTURE FOR BIKING AND WALKING](#)

PDF: [SLIDESHOW PHOTO DOCUMENTATION](#)

## PE6 Action: Alternative-fuel Infrastructure

18 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

**Program Summary:** We are a municipality that has completed the Clean Energy Communities Clean Fleets – Charging Stations high-impact action. The city is applying for 18 points. Please refer to the CSC Application Report for PE 6 in downloads which includes photos and locations of the stations. All 10 charging stations are available for public uses 365/24/7.

PDF: [NOTIFICATION NYSEDA CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITIES CITY OF PLATTSBURGH CLEAN FLEETS - CHARGING STATIONS.PDF](#)

PDF: [GMAIL - FWD EV CHARGING STATIONS.PDF](#)

PDF: [CSC APPLICATION PE 6 ALTERNATIVE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE](#)

## 7. Enhance community resilience to climate change.

### PE7 Action: Water-smart Landscaping

1 Points

**Program Summary:** The City of Plattsburgh Climate Task Force is applying for 1 point: "Provide education for the public, local boards, and/or staff about the benefits of water-smart landscaping." It held an event, "Go Native, Plattsburgh" on May 6th presenting a slideshow on the benefits. The speaker was called away, and so we featured a 45 minute talk by Dr. Doug Tallamy, University of Delaware Entomologist and author of Homegrown National Park, who makes a strong case for planting natives to reinvigorate insect and bird populations--essentially to create habitat where it has been destroyed by lawn. The evidence below includes the event flyer and the pdf of the slideshow, which we have subsequently shared widely. Part 2 of this series will be a presentation in partnership with the Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardener and task force member, Linda Noyes, and Jolene Wallace CCE Horticulturist whose slideshow reviews the benefits of native species and the particulars of selecting and planting these species. Link to Google doc: [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1VZ35xYJYVlhBigqcyRiUZ\\_y1xDVHQMnN/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=109620237159997381836&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1VZ35xYJYVlhBigqcyRiUZ_y1xDVHQMnN/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=109620237159997381836&rtpof=true&sd=true)

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PDF: [GOING NATIVE MASTER GARDENERS PRESENTATION](#)

PDF: [PE7: WATER-SMART LANDSCAPING](#)

## 8. Support a green innovation economy.

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### PE8 Action: Farmers' Markets

3 Points

**Program Summary:** The City of Plattsburgh has supported a Farmers Market for decades, forging various agreements that allow it to be held on municipal property. The document provided below is last year's agreement (2022). Typically, the City Council approves the agreement the April before the market commences in May.

PDF: [LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH AND PLATTSBURGH FARMERS AND CRAFTERS MARKET \(APRIL 2022\)](#)

PDF: [PE8: FARMERS' MARKET](#)

## 9. Inform and inspire the public.

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### PE9 Action: Climate-related Public Events

3 Points

**Program Summary:** The City of Plattsburgh has held several events focused on Climate Change. \* Friendly Conversation About Our Climate- October 15, 2022- event with Climate Scientist Dr. Curt Stager from Paul Smith's College at the local Farmers' Market. ○ Topics: climate change in our region, local climate action, Dr. Curt Stager climate change science talk, overview of Task Force and how to get involved. ● Task Force Tabling- task force members table at local Farmers' Market and other community events to educate about climate change, how to join the task force, and actions individuals can take to help mitigate climate change. ● GreenUP! Earth Day Celebration- April 22, 2023- The Task Force organized an Earth Day event that invited different environmental, energy efficiency, and climate organizations from the region. It was held in Trinity Park and included music, games, ice cream, and face painting for children. ● Webinar on local climate action- May 16, 2023- Task Force Coordinator Rachelle Armstrong and Task Force member Aude Lockett partnered with Regional Coordinator Carlie Leary and the Lake Champlain Sea Grant on a webinar focused on local climate action and how to participate in the CSC program.

PDF: [CCTFEVENTTENTATIVE AGENDA.DOCX.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [CCTFEVENTLYER.PNG](#)

PDF: [PE9: CLIMATE-RELATED PUBLIC EVENTS](#)

### PE9 Action: Social Media

3 Points

**Program Summary:** The City Climate Task Force set up Facebook and Instagram accounts after our first meeting. News of meetings and actions will be posted here. Links are here: <https://www.facebook.com/sustainableplattsburgh> <https://www.instagram.com/plattcsc/>

IMAGE: [CCTFINSTAGRAM.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [CCTFFACEBOOKPAGE.JPG](#)

PDF: [PE9: SOCIAL MEDIA](#)