

Climate Smart Communities Certification Report



This is the Climate Smart Communities Certification Report of Hamilton, Village (Madison). Hamilton, Village (Madison) is a bronze certified Climate Smart Community.

Hamilton, Village (Madison) was certified on May 28, 2020 with 132 points earned from 18 completed actions. Listed below is information regarding Hamilton, Village (Madison)'s Climate Smart Communities efforts and materials associated with its certified actions.

The certification for Hamilton, Village (Madison) will expire on September 30, 2025.

Contact Information

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Actions Implemented

Each approved action and supporting documentation for which Hamilton, Village (Madison) was approved for in 2020 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.

PE1 Action: CSC Task Force

20 Points


 Bronze Mandatory

Program Summary: Attached is the resolution for both the Village of Hamilton's Task Force and Coordinator. Meeting minutes for the task force are posted at this website: <https://sites.google.com/a/colgate.edu/hamilton-climate-group/class-schedule>

WORD: [VILLAGE TASK FORCE AND COORDINATOR RESOLUTION](#)

PE1 Action: CSC Coordinator

10 Points

 Bronze Mandatory

Program Summary: Attached is the resolution for both the Village of Hamilton's Task Force and Coordinator. The coordinator participates in meetings of the Hamilton Climate Preparedness Working Group; more info about this task force and meeting minutes are posted at this website: <https://sites.google.com/a/colgate.edu/hamilton-climate-group/class-schedule>

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PE1 Action: Partnerships with Other Entities

3 Points

Program Summary: Attached are meeting minutes and reports of the last four meetings that have taken place between the Village of Hamilton and the Town of Hamilton through the Hamilton Climate Preparedness Working Group. Meeting attendees include members from both the Village of Hamilton and Town of Hamilton, as well as residents of both areas. Members of this group include the Town Supervisor (Town of Hamilton), the Mayor of the Village of Hamilton, the President of the Municipal Utilities Commission or designee (Village of Hamilton), the President of the Hamilton Business Alliance or designee, the President of the Partnership for Community Development or designee, an elected board member and/or staff employee for the Town of Hamilton, an elected board member and/or staff employee for the Village of Hamilton, the director of the Partnership for Community Development, a staff or administration member from the Hamilton Central School District, the director of Sustainability at Colgate University, staff from the Madison County Planning Department, the director of the Upstate Institute or designee from the Upstate Institute Executive Board (Colgate University), faculty, staff, administration, and student representation from local educational institutions with relevant experience and interest (Colgate University), representatives from the agricultural community (Cornell Cooperative Extension and/or Madison County Farm Bureau), and two citizens each appointed from the Town and Village of Hamilton, for staggered three-year terms.

PDF: [MAY 13TH, 2019 MEETING MINUTES AND REPORT](#)

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

PE2 Action: Government Operations GHG Inventory

16 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

Program Summary: Attached is a copy of both the Municipal and Community GHG inventories for the Village of Hamilton. The Municipal GHG Inventory can be viewed on page 15 of the document attached. The Village of Hamilton's Municipal and Community GHG inventories can be viewed and downloaded from the official Village of Hamilton website: <https://hamilton-ny.gov/>. It can also be viewed and downloaded from a special website dedicated to the Village's sustainability and climate action work: <https://sites.google.com/colgate.edu/sustainable-hamilton-ny/home>.

PDF: [2018 GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS GHG INVENTORY](#)

PE2 Action: Community GHG Inventory

16 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

Program Summary: Attached is a copy of the Village of Hamilton Community and Municipal GHG Inventory. The Community GHG inventory can be viewed starting on page 24 of the document added below. The Village of Hamilton's Municipal and Community GHG inventories can be viewed and downloaded from the official Village of Hamilton website: <https://hamilton-ny.gov/>. It can also be viewed and downloaded from a special website dedicated to the Village's sustainability and climate action work: <https://sites.google.com/colgate.edu/sustainable-hamilton-ny/home>.

PDF: [2018 VILLAGE OF HAMILTON COMMUNITY GHG INVENTORY](#)

3. Decrease energy use.

PE3 Action: Energy Code Enforcement Training

5 Points

Program Summary: Attached is the approval from NYSERDA for the Village Energy Code Enforcement Training which indicates completion of the Clean Energy Communities Program Energy Code Enforcement Training High Impact Action.

PDF: [APPROVAL FROM NYSERDA](#)

5. Use climate-smart materials management.

PE5 Action: Government Solid Waste Audit

2 Points

Program Summary: Attached is a brief report as well as raw data for the three-week waste audit conducted for the Village of Hamilton's primary office.

WORD: [VILLAGE OF HAMILTON OFFICE WASTE AUDIT.DOCX](#)

EXCEL: [FINAL AUDIT DATA SHEET.XLSX](#)

PE5 Action: Recycling Bins in Government Buildings

3 Points

Program Summary: No description was provided.

IMAGE: [COMMON SPACE - PHOTO 1](#)

IMAGE: [DESK - PHOTO 2](#)

IMAGE: [COMMON SPACE - PHOTO 3](#)

PDF: [RESOLUTION](#)

PDF: [NUMBER OF RECYCLING AND TRASH BINS IN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS](#)

6. Implement climate-smart land use.

PE6 Action: Unified Solar Permit

5 Points

Program Summary: Attached is a copy of the approval from NYSERDA which indicates completion of the Clean Energy Communities Program, Unified Solar Permit High Impact Action.

PDF: [APPROVAL FROM NYSERDA FOR UNIFIED SOLAR PERMIT HIGH IMPACT ACTION](#)

PE6 Action: Infrastructure for Biking and Walking

5 Points

Program Summary: Attached are photos of how the Village of Hamilton has continued to expand and improve bike/walking paths, bike lanes, and sidewalks/footpaths. The Village of Hamilton has also recently installed bike and pedestrian signage, which alert drivers how bikes are allowed in the road and in driving lanes. There are also signs for the mile walking path, which provides an emphasis on using sidewalks and walking paths when traveling around the Village. The Village of Hamilton also has many crosswalks, including signs to alert drivers of people crossing. Other crosswalks also have pedestrian crosswalk lights.

IMAGE: [SIDEWALK 1](#)

IMAGE: [CARS HAVE NOTICE OF BIKES SHARING THE ROAD](#)

IMAGE: [SHARE THE ROAD](#)

IMAGE: [NEW BIKE SIGNS](#)

IMAGE: [MILE ROUTE WALKING PATH](#)

IMAGE: [COLLEGE STREET FOOTBRIDGE AND NEW SIDEWALK](#)

PE6 Action: Alternative-fuel Infrastructure

4 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

Program Summary: Attached is a bill for the installation of an EVC Charging Station in the Village of Hamilton.

PDF: [EV CHARGING STATION BILL FOR INSTALLMENT](#)

PE6 Action: Safe Routes to School

3 Points

Program Summary: Attached are documents related to the Safe Routes to School Program, and the grant, which has been utilized since 2009 and purposed in 2014. Please see the attached documents where the grant was utilized for construction and support for paths children take to school everyday.

PDF: [SRTS GRANT.PDF](#)

PDF: [SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL RESOLUTION.PDF](#)

PDF: [SEPTEMBER 9, 2014 SRTS.PDF](#)



PDF: [SHAMILTONVI20010911060.PDF](#)

PDF: [FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY AND MARCHISELLI-AID LOCAL PROJECT AGREEMENT.PDF](#)

7. Enhance community resilience to climate change.

PE7 Action: Climate Vulnerability Assessment

16 Points



 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

Program Summary: This project was a combined effort of the Village of Hamilton (NY) in collaboration with Colgate University Environmental Studies students and the Hamilton Climate Preparedness Working Group. In the attached report, we have identify climate hazards to Hamilton, NY and the Central New York region along with the specific assets and systems that are and will be impacted. This project utilizes the research from the 2011 and 2014 ClimAID Report and the NYS 2100 Commission Report along with the Madison County Hazard Mitigation Report. Additionally, this report builds off of Hamilton's climate vulnerability self-assessment (completed in April 2019) and Hamilton's ongoing effort to address climate change at the municipal level. Finally, results from two public climate vulnerability workshops and surveys have been incorporated into the results and recommendations. The attached report is a comprehensive vulnerability assessment covering the entire Village of Hamilton and incorporating all relevant climate hazards (including future projections).

PDF: [VILLAGE OF HAMILTON \(NY\) CLIMATE VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT](#)

PE7 Action: Evaluate Policies for Climate Resilience

6 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

Program Summary: Attached is the Village of Hamilton's Climate Smart Resiliency Planning Summary Report and CSRP Planning Tool. This action was completed by Colgate University students and faculty in lock-step with Village of Hamilton officials during the spring of 2019.

PDF: [PE7 CLIMATE RESILIENCY PLANNING REPORT](#)

EXCEL: [2019 VILLAGE OF HAMILTON \(NY\) CSRP PLANNING TOOL \(SELF-ASSESSMENT\)](#)

PE7 Action: Shade Structures Policy

4 Points

Program Summary: Currently in our parks and public land, we have ample trees, a gazebo, and provide shade where appropriate. With the addition of another park coming soon, the plan of the park includes the addition of another gazebo, providing even more shaded structure to our public land. Our walking trails also provide shade with lots of trees and resting places with beautiful scenery.

IMAGE: [GAZEBO DOWNTOWN VILLAGE - PHOTO 1](#)

IMAGE: [TREES AND GAZEBO DOWNTOWN VILLAGE - PHOTO 2](#)

PDF: [RESOLUTION](#)

8. Support a green innovation economy.

PE8 Action: Farmers' Markets

3 Points


Program Summary: The Village of Hamilton has a longstanding Farmers Market run by village from May through October each year. The market is located on the village green, which is property owned and maintained by the Village, each Saturday morning from 8am-1pm. The market is administered by Kim Taranto, Village Clerk. A range of vendors from around the region sell food and crafts in more than 100 vendor locations arranged on the village green each week, including many vendors selling locally produced food. The Village of Hamilton's Farmers Market is an authorized market under the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets (see uploaded NYSA&M application).

PDF: [VILLAGE OF HAMILTON FARMERS MARKET APPLICATION](#)

9. Inform and inspire the public.

PE9 Action: Climate Change Education & Engagement

8 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

Program Summary: Info about the educational events organized by the Hamilton Climate Preparedness Working Group are available online: <https://sites.google.com/a/colgate.edu/hamilton-climate-group/course-feedback> Attached is the description of the community engagement strategy, meeting minutes, and reports of the last four meetings that have taken place towards Climate Change Education and Engagement. Meeting attendees for the Hamilton Climate Preparedness Working Group are educated and engaged in GHG emissions and how the community can adapt and change due to climate change. The meetings include members from both the Village of Hamilton and Town of Hamilton, as well as residents of both areas, as it is open to the public. Members of this group include the Town Supervisor (Town of Hamilton), the Mayor of the Village of Hamilton, the President of the Municipal Utilities Commission or designee (Village of Hamilton), the President of the Hamilton Business Alliance or designee, the President of the Partnership for Community Development or designee, an elected board member and/or staff employee for the Town of Hamilton, an elected board member and/or staff employee for the Village of Hamilton, the director of the Partnership for Community Development, a staff or administration member from the Hamilton Central School District, the director of Sustainability at Colgate University, staff from the Madison County Planning Department, the director of the Upstate Institute or designee from the Upstate Institute Executive Board (Colgate University), faculty, staff, administration, and student representation from local educational institutions with relevant experience and interest (Colgate University), representatives from the agricultural community (Cornell Cooperative Extension and/or Madison County Farm Bureau), and two citizens each appointed from the Town and Village of Hamilton.

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PDF: [MARCH 28TH, 2019 MEETING MINUTES AND RECORDS](#)

PDF: [STRATEGY DOCUMENT](#)

PE9 Action: Climate-related Public Events

3 Points

Program Summary: On March 30, 2019, the Village of Hamilton in collaboration with Colgate University and the Town of Hamilton hosted a half-day climate resilience workshop. Approximately, 40 people attended the full workshop. Attendees included, but were not limited to: elected officials from both the Village and Town of Hamilton; senior administrators, faculty, and emergency planners from Colgate University; local farmers; and local residents. Photographs from the event can be found here: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1AYIV9eFmR_VSR7DtBCfMYaifqkHvHouq?usp=sharing. Attachments include the agenda and presentation given at the workshop along with the final attendance.

PDF: [VILLAGE OF HAMILTON CLIMATE RESILIENCE WORKSHOP \(MARCH 30, 2019\)](#)

PDF: [HAMILTON CLIMATE RESILIENCE WORKSHOP \(MARCH 30 2019\) - GUEST ATTENDANCE](#)