

Climate Smart Communities Certification Report

 BRONZE CERTIFIED

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

Hamilton, Town (Madison) was certified on May 28, 2020 with 149 points earned from 17 completed actions. Listed below is information regarding Hamilton, Town (Madison)'s Climate Smart Communities efforts and materials associated with its certified actions.

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

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Actions Implemented

Each approved action and supporting documentation for which Hamilton, Town (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.

1.1 Pass a Resolution Adopting the CSC Pledge


4 Points

Program Summary: No description was provided.

PDF: JEAN@PLAZATRAVEL.NET

PE1 Action: CSC Task Force

20 Points


 Bronze Mandatory

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

PDF: [TOWN TASK FORCE AND COORDINATOR RESOLUTION](#)

PE1 Action: CSC Coordinator

10 Points

 Bronze Mandatory

Program Summary: Attached is the resolution for both the Town 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>

PDF: [TOWN TASK FORCE AND COORDINATOR RESOLUTION](#)

PE1 Action: National/Regional Climate Program

3 Points

Program Summary: Email Designating the Town of Hamilton a Clean Energy Community

PDF: [EMAIL NOTIFICATION HAMILTON IS A CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITY](#)

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 Town of Hamilton and the Village of Hamilton through the Hamilton Climate Preparedness Working Group. Meeting attendees include members from both the Town of Hamilton and Village 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 13, 2019 MEETING MINUTES AND REPORT](#)

PDF: [APRIL 26, 2019 MEETING MINUTES AND REPORT](#)

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



PDF: [FEBRUARY 22, 2019 MEETING MINUTES AND REPORT](#)

PDF: [2020.01.03 HAMILTON CLIMATE PREPAREDNESS WORKING GROUP MEETING MINUTES.PDF](#)

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 the Town of Hamilton 2017 Government Operations GHG Inventory. In addition, the inventory can be found online on the Town of Hamilton website (<https://www.townofhamiltonny.org/towns-commitments-efforts/>). Hard copies are also available for pickup at the Town of Hamilton office.

PDF: [2017 TOWN OF HAMILTON MUNICIPAL GHG INVENTORY](#)

PE2 Action: Community GHG Inventory

16 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

Program Summary: Attached is the Town of Hamilton 2015 Community GHG Inventory. In addition, the inventory can be found online on the Town of Hamilton website (<https://www.townofhamiltonny.org/towns-commitments-efforts/>). Hard copies are also available for pickup at the Town of Hamilton office.

PDF: [2015 TOWN OF HAMILTON COMMUNITY GHG INVENTORY](#)

3. Decrease energy use.

PE3 Action: Benchmarking - Municipal Buildings

4 Points

Program Summary: Attached are 3 documents: 1) Clerk certification of adoption of benchmarking legislation. 2) the 2018 report with data derived from the EPA Portfolio that is annually posted on the Town of Hamilton's website. 3) The NYSEERDA email from 2017 verifying the approval of the Benchmarking High Impact Action.

PDF: [TOWN OF HAMILTON BENCHMARKING RESOLUTION 2017.PDF](#)

PDF: [TOWN OF HAMILTON BENCHMARKING DATA-2018.PDF](#)

PDF: [NYSEERDA CLEANENERGY BENCHMARKING ACTIONAPPROVAL 2017.PDF](#)

PE3 Action: Energy Code Enforcement Training

5 Points

Program Summary: Attached is the Certificate of Completion provided to the Town of Hamilton from NYSEERDA, dated July 25, 2017, certifying that we completed our Energy Code Enforcement Training as part of the Clean Energy Communities High Impact Action.

PDF: [CE-CEO TRAINING-CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION.PDF](#)

4. Shift to clean, renewable energy.

PE4 Action: Solar Energy Installation

9 Points

Program Summary: Attached is an invoice for the Town of Hamilton's purchase of solar panels on top of their highway garage building. Included in documentation is a brief summation of requested information, documented energy use, and costs and savings. UPDATED: A press release was sent out in 2013 and posted on our website. It's now in two locations on our website: <https://www.townofhamiltonny.org/towns-commitments-efforts/> AND <https://www.townofhamiltonny.org/news/>. Also uploaded, Madison County's Solarize Madison Eco-Tourism Map from 2013 showing locations of successfully completed projects under this program. Town Highway barn is one of them, although not specifically mentioned on the Map, the STAR under HAMILTON is the location of the Town Highway Solar Project.

PDF: [TOWN OF HAMILTON SOLAR PANELS.PDF](#)

WORD: [TOWN OF HAMILTON SOLAR PANELS MISC.DOCX](#)

PDF: [TOWN OF HAMILTON SOLAR PANELS ENERGY USAGE.PDF](#)

EXCEL: [TOWN OF HAMILTON SOLAR PANELS ELECTRIC USAGE AND COSTS.XLSX](#)

PDF: [HAMILTON TOWN GARAGE GOES SOLAR 2013 PRESS RELEASE.PDF](#)

PDF: [SOLARIZE MADISON LOCATIONS - MADISON COUNTY MAP.PDF](#)

5. Use climate-smart materials management.

PE5 Action: Government Solid Waste Audit

2 Points

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

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

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

PE5 Action: Recycling Bins in Government Buildings

3 Points

Program Summary: Attached are photos of recycling bins and waste management in the Town facilities. In addition, documents of emphasis on recycling have been uploaded as well.

IMAGE: [PHOTO 1](#)

IMAGE: [PHOTO 2](#)

IMAGE: [PHOTO 3](#)

IMAGE: [PHOTO 4](#)



WORD: [RECYCLING PROGRAM](#)

IMAGE: [PHOTO 6](#)

6. Implement climate-smart land use.

PE6 Action: Comprehensive Plan with Sustainability Elements

21 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

Program Summary: Attached are the following documents: 1) The Town of Hamilton's Comprehensive Plan adopted in 2017 with sustainability elements. 2) The 2017 Town Council minutes reflecting adoption of the comprehensive plan. 3) A memorandum explaining how the plan reflects the sustainability elements.

PDF: [TOWN OF HAMILTON COMP PLAN PART I - ADOPTED FEBRUARY 9, 2017.PDF](#)

PDF: [FEBRUARY 9, 2017 TOWN OF HAMILTON REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES.PDF](#)

PDF: [TOH COMP PLAN SUPPORTING DOCUMENT FOR CSC.PDF](#)

PE6 Action: Unified Solar Permit



5 Points

Program Summary: The Town of Hamilton's attached document is an email dated April 27, 2017 from NYSDA reflecting the approval of the Unified Solar Permit High Impact Action Item as part of their Clean Energy Communities program.

PDF: [NYSDA_EMAIL_4-2017_APPROVALOFUNIFIEDSOLARPERMITHIA-CEP.PDF](#)

PE6 Action: Alternative-fuel Infrastructure

6 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

Program Summary: Clean Energy Certification and Clean Fleets Certification Form, The Town of Hamilton has one EV Charging Station which is open to public use. Attached are photos of the EV Charging Station as well as the recorded time and power/savings the EV Charging Station has used and created.

PDF: [EMAIL NOTIFICATION HAMILTON IS A CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITY](#)

IMAGE: [PHOTO 1](#)

IMAGE: [PHOTO 2](#)


EXCEL: [EV CHARGING STATION REPORT](#)

PDF: [ENERGY USED AND ACCUMULATED THROUGH THE EV CHARGING STATION](#)

7. Enhance community resilience to climate change.

PE7 Action: Climate Vulnerability Assessment

16 Points



 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

Program Summary: Attached is a report on the Town of Hamilton's vulnerability assessment provided by a group of students and professor from Colgate University.

PDF: [PE 7 - ENST 390 SPRING 2019 TOWN OF HAMILTON CLIMATE VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT FINAL REPORT.PDF](#)

PE7 Action: Evaluate Policies for Climate Resilience

6 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

Program Summary: Attached is the Town of Hamilton's Climate Smart Resiliency Planning Summary Report and the CSRP tool.

PDF: [PE7 ACTION_ TOWN OF HAMILTON \(NY\) SELF-ASSESSMENT SUMMARY REPORT.PDF](#)

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