

# CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITIES & CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES CERTIFICATION



**Climate Smart Communities**

The **NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities (CEC) program** (<https://www.nyserdera.ny.gov/cec>) is an initiative that helps local governments reduce energy consumption and drive clean energy use in their communities. The **Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Certification program** is an interagency initiative administered by the DEC that provides a comprehensive framework for local governments to lead community action to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and adapt to climate change. The two programs are complementary. Both require applicants to document completion of specific actions in order to earn a designation. As detailed in the table below, all of the CEC high-impact actions satisfy the requirements of one or more CSC certification actions. Local governments that complete any of the CEC high-impact actions are encouraged to submit for points under the related CSC certification actions.

## CEC / CSC Action Crosswalk

CEC High-Impact Action	CSC Certification Actions
Unified Solar Permit	<a href="#">PE6 Action: Unified Solar Permit</a>
Energy Code Enforcement Training	<a href="#">PE3 Action: Energy Code Enforcement Training</a>
PACE Financing	<a href="#">PE8 Action: PACE Financing</a>
Clean Energy Upgrades	<a href="#">PE3 Action: Clean Energy Upgrades</a>
Clean Heating and Cooling Demo	<a href="#">PE4 Action: Heat Pumps</a>
100% Renewable Electricity for Municipal Operations	<a href="#">PE4 Action: Renewable Energy Certificates</a>
LED Street Lights	<a href="#">PE3 Action: LED Street Lights</a>
Clean Fleets	<a href="#">PE3 Action: Advanced Vehicles</a> <a href="#">PE6 Action: Alternative-fuel Infrastructure</a>
Benchmarking	<a href="#">PE3 Action: Benchmarking - Municipal Buildings</a> <a href="#">PE8 Action: Benchmarking - Large Private Buildings</a>
Community Campaigns	<a href="#">PE8 Action: Community Campaigns</a>
NYStretch Energy Code	<a href="#">PE6 Action: NYStretch Energy Code</a>
County-Hosted Trainings	<a href="#">PE4 Action: County-hosted Trainings</a>
Community Choice Aggregation	<a href="#">PE8 Action: Community Choice Aggregation</a>

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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