

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 New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). The CSC Certification program provides a comprehensive framework for local governments to lead community action to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and build climate resiliency.

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, most 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
Benchmarking	PE3 Action: Energy Benchmarking for Government Buildings PE8 Action: Energy Benchmarking for Private Buildings
Clean Energy Upgrades	PE3 Clean Energy Upgrades*
Clean Fleets	PE3 Action: Advanced Vehicles PE6 Action: Alternative-fuel Infrastructure
Community Choice Aggregation	PE8 Action: Community Choice Aggregation
Energy Code Enforcement Training	PE3 Action: Energy Code Enforcement Training
Energize NY Finance	PE8 Action: Financing Program for Building Energy Efficiency
LED Street Lights	PE3 Action: LED Street Lights
Solarize, Clean Heating and Cooling, or Solar for All Campaign	PE8 Action: Solarize, Clean Heating & Cooling, or Solar for All Campaign
Unified Solar Permit	PE6 Action: Unified Solar Permit

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