



STATE SUPPORT FOR LOCAL CLIMATE ACTION

Climate Smart Communities (CSC) is a New York State program that supports local governments in leading their communities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, adapt to the effects of climate change, and thrive in a green economy. The benefits of participating include leadership recognition, free technical assistance, and access to grants. Local governments participate by signing a voluntary pledge and using the CSC framework to guide progress toward creating attractive, healthy, and equitable places to live, work, and play.

Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Program Goals

- **Reduce** greenhouse gas emissions.
- **Build resilience** to the impacts of climate change.
- **Save** taxpayer dollars.
- **Increase** energy security and reliability.
- **Improve** community public health and safety.
- **Support** a green innovation economy.
- **Demonstrate** leadership.

How do communities benefit from the CSC program?

- **Receive funding** for climate change mitigation and adaptation projects via the DEC CSC Grant program.
- **Reduce the cost of clean vehicles** and associated charging/fueling stations with rebates and grants via the DEC Municipal Zero-emission Vehicle program.
- **Receive free technical assistance** for clean energy and climate change initiatives from regional Climate Smart Communities Coordinators.



- **Discover online guidance** and decision-support tools via the CSC web portal.
- **Learn about best practices** through CSC webinars.
- **Network** with like-minded community leaders at CSC events and workshops.

Where does the support come from?

The Climate Smart Communities program is jointly sponsored by eight New York State agencies:

- Department of Environmental Conservation
- Department of Health
- Department of Public Service
- Department of Transportation
- Department of State
- Energy Research and Development Authority
- New York Power Authority
- Homes and Community Renewal

How do communities participate in the CSC program?

- **Connect** with a regional **Climate Smart Communities Coordinator** for free technical assistance, guidance, and support.
- **Adopt** the 10-point pledge using the [model CSC resolution](#) as a template.
- **Complete certification actions** to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change.
- **Get certified** and be recognized as a leader in local climate action!

More Information

Visit climatesmart.ny.gov or scan the QR codes below.



Learn more about
Climate Smart Communities!



Connect with a Climate Smart
Communities Coordinator
and get started!

Questions?

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