

## Resources for Residents

### CCE - Community Energy Advisors

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County has contracted with NYSERDA through Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County to help area residents and businesses reduce their energy consumption and energy costs and make informed energy decisions. Cornell's Community Energy Advisors offer free, one-on-one appointments to discuss your energy options. The program is open to all residents, especially households with limited resources facing higher energy costs, homeowners, small businesses, and non-profit organizations.



Find out how you can:

- Reduce your heating and electric bills
- Take charge of your energy budget with a home or business energy assessment
- Access financing and programs that offer free or reduced-cost energy efficiency upgrades
- Start generating clean, renewable energy at your home or place of business

Cornell's Community Energy Advisors can guide you through the process of implementing a clean energy project and connect you with NYSERDA approved energy contractors. They can refer you to a range of programs, including: **Residential Energy, Empower +, NY-SUN, Solar for All, Green Jobs Green NY Energy Study Program, and Clean Heat NY.**

Visit <http://sullivancce.org/energy/community-energy-advisors> or call (845) 292-6180, ext. 127 to set up an appointment with Cornell's Community Energy Advisors.

Mid-Hudson Clean Energy Hub: Collin Adkins, (845) 677-8223 x113, [cda37@cornell.edu](mailto:cda37@cornell.edu) or visit <https://midhudsonenergychoices.org/>

## What is an Energy Assessment?

*A diagnostic “checkup” identifies opportunities for improvement*

Most energy improvements begin with an examination of current energy systems and building conditions. The resulting energy assessment (sometimes called an energy audit) serves as a “checkup” for homes, commercial buildings and municipal facilities, conducted by a qualified contractor who examines existing conditions and identifies areas where improvements can be made. To qualify for access to NYS financing and incentives to help you improve the energy efficiency of your property, your energy assessment must be conducted by a NYSERDA-approved contractor who is accredited by the Building Performance Institute (BPI).



*The blower door apparatus*

The contractor makes a visual inspection of the living or working space, attic and basement (or crawl spaces), using special diagnostic equipment. This equipment includes a blower door apparatus and a thermographic camera, which help the contractor identify where air leaks are located and how much air is leaking from the building. The contractor also performs health and safety tests to check that major combustion appliances (furnace, boiler, hot water tank and stove) are operating safely.

The assessment will identify specific cost-effective measures that will save you money on your energy bills. Your contractor analyzes the assessment data and provides a written report with valuable information about the energy efficiency of the building and recommendations for measures that may include weather stripping; caulking; insulation; repair or replacement of

heating or cooling systems; thermostat upgrades; water heater repair and replacement; repair or replacement of storm windows, permanent windows and exterior doors; repair or replacement of major household appliances; installation of solar thermal heating or hot water systems; replacement of inefficient light bulbs and lighting fixtures; and opportunities for solar PV systems to supply electricity and other renewable energy options.



*Thermographic cameras reveal air leaks that can be remedied with insulation.*

*Photos: John Back*

# Regional Clean Energy Hubs



**LEARN**  
about clean  
energy programs  
and resources

**ACCESS**  
trusted, experienced,  
community-based  
organizations

**GET HELP**  
making more  
informed energy  
decisions

## Regional Clean Energy Hubs Program

New York State is embarking on a transition to an inclusive, clean-energy-powered economy. All residents, businesses, and communities across the State will benefit from this transition and have access to new opportunities that include clean energy careers, home improvements, even rebates for businesses and personal transportation. But there's a lot of information out there, and people may not know where to start.

To help New Yorkers access and navigate these opportunities, NYSERDA created the Regional Clean Energy Hubs. Clean Energy Hubs connect people to the clean energy economy.

### Your one-stop shop for access to clean energy opportunities

Your Hub is a team of trusted, knowledgeable, community-based organizations in and from your region of the State. Team members have experience with clean energy, energy efficiency, workforce and economic development, education, health, and housing.

Hubs provide information to individuals, small businesses, and affordable housing owners about the benefits of the clean energy economy, ways to reduce energy use and costs, and how to make more informed energy decisions.

#### Your Hub can:

- Describe the “clean energy economy” and what it means for communities
- Assist with accessing job training and employment in the clean energy sector
- Discuss a home energy assessment and why it would be useful
- Help someone fill out an application for a free home-energy assessment
- Show what types of energy incentives a person or business may qualify for
- Share information about heat pumps, solar, electric vehicles (EV), and how to access rebates
- Find a qualified contractor to perform clean energy upgrades
- Locate a community solar program and help residents and businesses sign up for it

#### And more!

Learn more at  
[nyscrda.ny.gov/CE-Hubs](https://nyscrda.ny.gov/CE-Hubs)

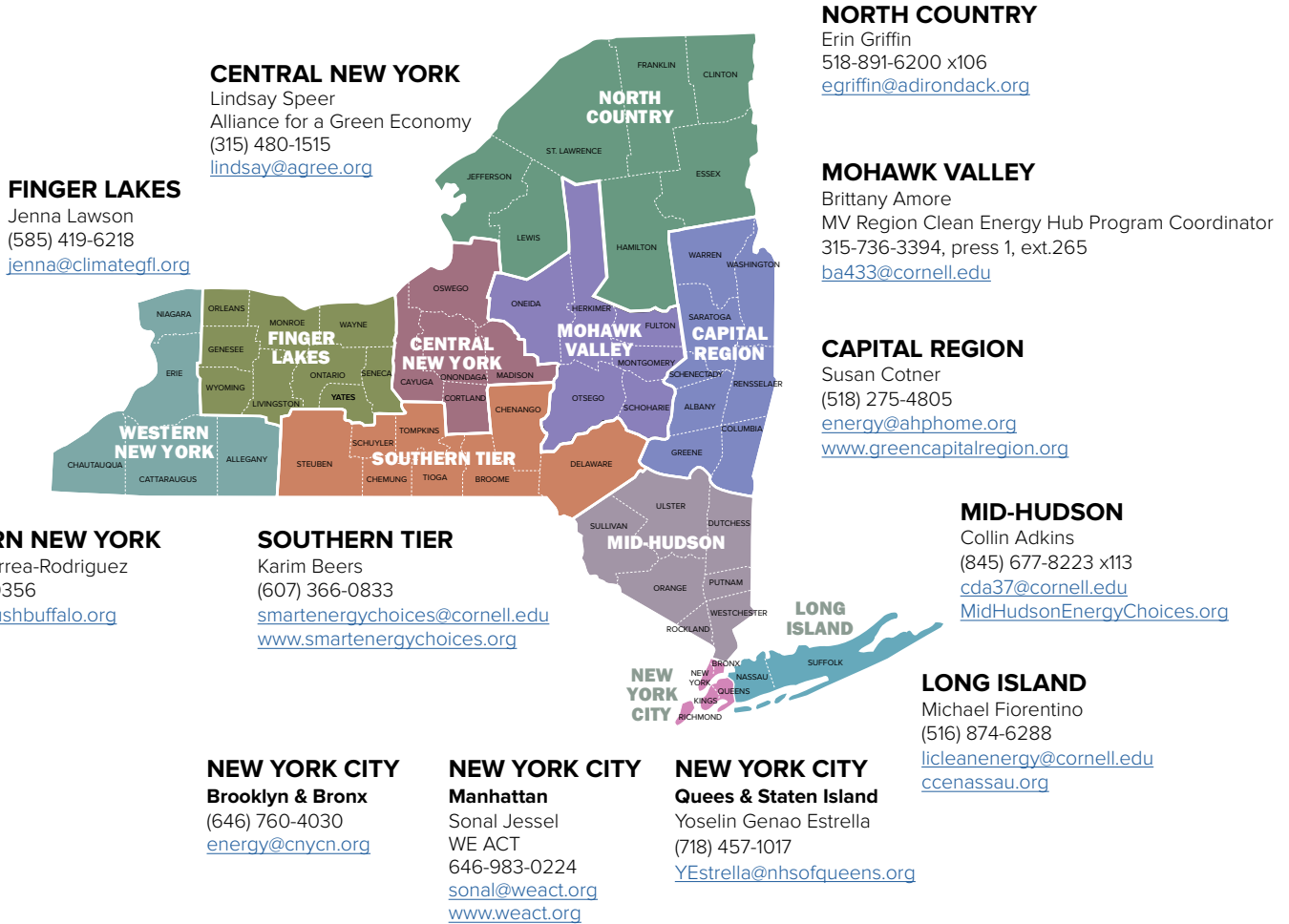


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## Clean Energy Hubs by Region



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