Resources for Towns

The **Climate Smart Communities** Program provides resources to help municipalities reduce energy costs, decrease greenhouse gas emissions (GHG), and adapt to the potential impacts of climate change at the local level.

Municipalities that take the Climate Smart Communities Pledge receive extra points towards qualifying for NYS funding for a variety of planning and infrastructure grants. For example, Highland secured $624,750 through the CSC program to relocate their town garage due to flooding issues; Fallsburg secured $168,713 for flood control, and Sullivan County secured $934,084 for flood control in the hamlet of Kohlertown in the Town of Delaware. Grant opportunities are usually announced in May, with applications due at the end of July and awards announced in December.

Learn more and access the Climate Action Planning Toolkit at **http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/76483.html**
Visit the CSC Portal to explore climate smart municipal strategies at **https://climatesmart.ny.gov/**

Clean Energy Communities Program (CEC)
Local governments in New York State can also use the Clean Energy Communities program to implement clean energy actions, save energy costs, create jobs, and improve the environment. The program provides resources and technical assistance, and recognizes and rewards leadership for the adoption of clean energy policies and completion of clean energy projects. To be designated a Clean Energy Community, municipalities must complete four out of ten priority actions. Sullivan County achieved CEC designation in 2017, followed by the Towns of Bethel, Tusten and Highland. The **Hudson Valley Regional Council** is the CEC Coordinator for Sullivan County.

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https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Programs/Clean-Energy-Communities

NYSERDA offers financial and technical assistance and training to help with municipal buildings, fleets, and renewable energy. **https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/Communities-and-Governments/Local-Governments**

Mid-Hudson Clean Energy Hub advises on energy efficiency and renewable energy: Collin Adkins, (845) 677-8223 x113**, cda37@cornell.edu** or visit **https://midhudsonenergychoices.org/**

Portfolio Manager is a free software from the US EPA helps municipalities track and analyze building energy use and quantify GHG reductions and cost savings. **https://www.energystar.gov/buildings/facility-owners-and-managers/existing-buildings/use-portfolio-manager**

ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability is an international network of local governments that provides tools and strategies for reducing GHG emissions and improving sustainability and resiliency. **http://icleiusa.org/**

Green Purchasing
The National Association of State Purchasing Officials offers a step by step process to help municipal purchasing officials identify key issues and opportunities. **http://www.naspo.org/green/index.html**

New York State's new Green Purchasing Communities program, **GreenNY**, makes it easy for local governments to buy products and services with a lower environmental impact. View over 75 green product specifications, from appliances to landscaping, to help your local government green its procurement. Learn more about the program and how to apply to be a Green Purchasing Community at **https://ogs.ny.gov/greenny**

Regional Clean Energy Hubs

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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 about clean energy programs and resources
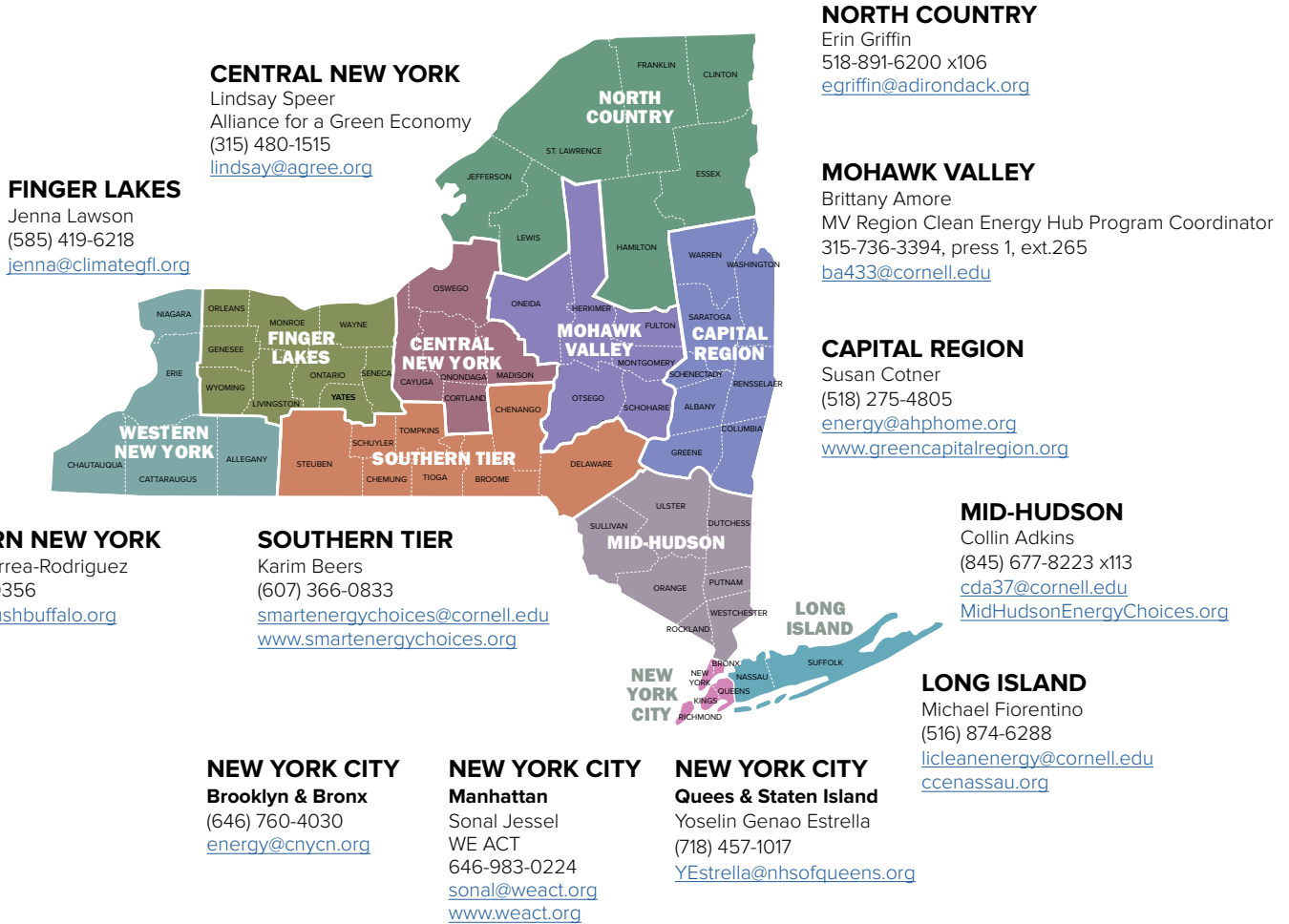
ACCESS trusted, experienced, community-based organizations

GET HELP making more informed energy decisions

Learn more at
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