



# Climate Smart Communities – Capital Region Custom Service Strategy for the City of Albany October 2013

**IN-PERSON CONSULTATION DATE:** September 25, 2013

**COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Doug Melnick – Director of Planning, Department of Development and Planning  
Kate Lawrence – Planner, Department of Development and Planning

**CSC REGIONAL COORDINATOR SUPPORT TEAM MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Todd Fabozzi, CDRPC  
Kari Hewitt, VHB

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**CLIMATE PROTECTION PRIORITIES**

1. Developing an urban agriculture program with educational component and incubator program
2. Target setting for government and community GHG emissions reductions
3. Implementing a Green Business Certification program
4. Develop a roadmap for prioritizing and implementing the City's climate protection efforts

**CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY SERVICE RECOMMENDATION**

Develop a roadmap for prioritizing and implementing the City's climate protection efforts, specifically those that are in progress but need further support, and those identified but not yet started. This roadmap will also serve as a tool for educating the City's incoming administration.

**CLIMATE PROTECTION ISSUE TO BE ADDRESSED**

The City of Albany has been a leader in climate action planning efforts in the state, especially since establishing the Mayor's Office of Energy & Sustainability and incorporating climate protection into its Albany 2030 comprehensive plan. With so many actions and programs identified or in progress, the City would like to develop a roadmap for prioritizing and implementing these efforts, specifically those that are in progress but may need further support or to be strengthened, and those identified but not yet started. VHB will work with City planners to determine criteria or guiding principles for prioritization of climate actions, in order to assess progress, revitalize efforts, and also serve as a roadmap for guiding the City's new incoming administration on climate action.

**PLEDGE ELEMENT TO BE ADDRESSED**

*Pledge Element 10: Commit to an Evolving Process*

**POTENTIAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE AND FINAL DELIVERABLES**

**Resources:**

- Albany 2030 Comprehensive Plan
- Albany 2030 Website
- Mayor's Office of Energy and Sustainability Website
- Climate Smart Communities Certification Guidance Manual
- STAR Community Rating System

**Deliverable:**

A roadmap for prioritizing and implementing the City's climate protection efforts.



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## TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION OF PROJECT


TASK	WHO	TIME			
		Nov 2013	Dec 2013	Jan 2014	Feb 2014
Work with City to compile all climate actions identified/ in progress/ stalled – collect details on what needs to be done and challenges	Kari Hewitt (VHB)				
Meet with City to discuss criteria/ principles for prioritization	Kari Hewitt (VHB)				
Organize actions by priority utilizing criteria identified	Kari Hewitt (VHB)				
Draft a roadmap for moving climate efforts forward	Kari Hewitt (VHB)				
Deliver final roadmap to the City	Todd Fabozzi (CDRPC)				

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I, Doug Melnick, hereby acknowledge receipt of this Climate Smart  
(official/staff)

Communities Custom Service Strategy (Strategy) for the City of Albany. The City

is committed to working with CDRPC and VHB to implement this Strategy. We look forward to furthering our climate protection efforts through the Climate Smart Communities Program.

Signed:  Date: 11/4/13

Primary Contact Person for this Project: Doug Melnick