Climate Smart Communities – Capital Region Custom Service Strategy for Cohoes November 2012

IN-PERSON CONSULTATION DATE: November 9, 2012

COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

John McDonald, Mayor Garry Nathan Barbara Decker

CSC REGIONAL COORDINATOR SUPPORT TEAM MEMBERS PRESENT:

Todd Fabozzi, CDRPC Angela Vincent, VHB

CLIMATE PROTECTION PRIORITIES

- 1. Develop a Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory for Government Operations
- 2. Learn more about solar incentives for public buildings
- 3. Conduct a vulnerability assessment
- 4. Increase participation in recycling

CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY SERVICE RECOMMENDATION

Conduct a greenhouse gas emissions inventory for government operations

CLIMATE PROTECTION ISSUE TO BE ADDRESSED

The City is interested in implementing strategies to reduce energy costs from local government operations. The City would like assistance in establishing a GHG inventory, increasing renewable energy used on public buildings, and improving the recycling rate from residents.

PLEDGE ELEMENT TO BE ADDRESSED

Pledge Element 2: Set Goals, Inventory Emissions, Move to Action

POTENTIAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE AND FINAL DELIVERABLES

Resources:

- 1. City Staff, volunteers, students, and interns to assist in the analysis
- 2. The Local Government Operations Protocol- a GHG protocol of city GHG accounting
- 3. Onsite inventory training by CSC team
- 4. Sample inventories and data templates

Deliverables:

- 1. Work plan for conducting GHG inventory
- 2. Onsite training on GHG Inventory preparation

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TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION OF STRATEGY

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Scoping meeting to discuss GHG inventory and energy planning process, and identify city personnel and other stakeholders that can participate.	Jim Yienger (CAA), Todd Fabozzi (CDRPC), Mayor and key city personnel.	Dec 20th		
Develop proposed work plan for a GHG inventory, including timelines and responsibilities	Jim Yienger (CAA)	Jan 18th		
Deliver work plan to the City	Todd Fabozzi (CDRPC)	Jan 25th		
On-site training on GHG inventories, and ongoing Q/A support.	Jim Yienger (CAA) and City staff	(TBD) February 2013		
Inventory Completion and draft summary findings	Cohoes City Staff- Estimated 20-30 hours of staff time (in total) over project.	March 31st, 2013		

CITY COMMITMENT

١,	Mayor John McDonald,	hereby	acknowledge	receipt	of this	Climate	Smart
	(elected/appointed official)						

Communities Custom Service Strategy (Strategy) for Cohoes. The City is committed to

working with CDRPC and CAA to implement this Strategy. We look forward to

furthering our climate protection efforts through the Climate Smart Communities Program.

Signed: Date: AD8/12