



Climate Smart Communities – Capital Region Custom Service Strategy for Clifton Park October 2012 (Updated Dec 2012)

IN-PERSON CONSULTATION DATE: October 11, 2012

COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Philip Barrett – Town Supervisor
Barb McHugh – Community Development
John Scavo – Community Development
Jeff Vedder – Transfer Station

CSC REGIONAL COORDINATOR SUPPORT TEAM MEMBERS PRESENT:

Todd Fabozzi, CDRPC
Angela Vincent, VHB

CLIMATE PROTECTION PRIORITIES

1. Investigate funding and finance options for solar on landfills
2. Examples of ice rink efficiency best practices?
3. What financing and grant options are available to retrofit traffic lights to LED?
4. How can the Town access energy efficient programs and incentives? What are the best projects given their current equipment and facilities? Who should they work with (i.e., State vs. utilities vs. Energy Service Providers)? How can the Town access training, specifically for the Facilities manager and staff.

CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY SERVICE RECOMMENDATION

Create a guide that outlines the programs and incentives available to maintain existing equipment, upgrade equipment and facilities, and overall be more energy efficient through their facilities operations. Training is also required for the Facilities Manager and staff to ensure there is long-term capacity for maintaining existing equipment and facilities and identifying future energy efficiency opportunities.

CLIMATE PROTECTION ISSUE TO BE ADDRESSED

The Town is interested in implementing strategies to reduce energy costs from local government operations. They would like to learn what programs are available through the State, utilities and other sources to address energy efficiency in their facilities and overall operations. There are many programs out there and it can be overwhelming to navigate the programs and incentives that are applicable to them. In addition to learning about, and taking advantage of, these programs and incentives, it's important to educate facilities staff about how to efficiently maintain existing equipment and buildings and how to identify which future options are the most energy efficient. This capacity building ensures that, long-term, the Town will continue to reap the benefits from the energy efficiency improvements they invest in.

CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES PLEDGE ELEMENT TO BE ADDRESSED

Pledge Element 3: Decrease Energy Demand for Local Government Operations

POTENTIAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE AND FINAL DELIVERABLES

Resources:

1. State programs that offer energy efficiency incentives and resources to local governments

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2. Utility programs
3. Energy Service Providers
4. Town staff, including the Facilities Manager, to discuss the Town’s existing energy efficiency projects and priorities

Deliverable:

1. Create a guide that outlines programs from the State, utilities and other sources that offer energy efficiency incentives and resources to local governments. This guide will outline the steps necessary to take advantage of these programs.
2. Training, or source(s) of training, for the Facilities Manager and Staff to learn how to maintain existing equipment and buildings and identify energy efficient upgrades.

TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION OF STRATEGY


TASK	WHO	COMPLETED BY
Schedule a call with the Town to discuss current needs	Angela Vincent (VHB)	December 20, 2012
Inventory of existing facilities, equipment and services in the Town	Facilities Manager (Town)	January 11, 2013
Research existing energy efficiency programs through the state, utilities and other sources	Kari Hewitt (VHB) Katie Kudzma (VHB)	January 30, 2013
Research training opportunities for Facilities Managers and staff	Katie Kudzma (VHB)	February 8, 2013
	Kari Hewitt (VHB) Katie Kudzma (VHB)	February 22, 2013
Deliver Guide to the Town	Todd Fabozzi (CDRPC)	February 28, 2013

TOWN COMMITMENT

I, Phillip Barrett, hereby acknowledge receipt of this Climate Smart
 (elected/appointed official)

Communities Custom Service Strategy (Strategy) for Clifton Park. The Town

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: 1/19/13