

Climate Smart Communities Profile



Town of Hunter

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Program Overview

The Climate Smart Communities (CSC) program is a New York State initiative to help local communities reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, prepare for effects of climate change and save taxpayers money. The program is designed to address 10 focus areas, or “pledge elements,” outlined in the CSC Pledge: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/53013.html>.

New York State is offering technical support to communities that have adopted the CSC Pledge. This profile provides a stepping stone for identifying a technical support service package to help the Town of Hunter progress through the 10 pledge elements (see below).

Detailed information on actions completed, in progress, and identified for future action is provided in the tables on the following pages. If a table is missing for a particular pledge element, it means that the CSC program does not have a record of actions taken to address that element.

Local Government Facts:

Adopted Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Pledge: 2009

CSC Pledge Elements Addressed: 4 out of 10

Total Actions Completed: 5

Government Type: Town

County: Greene County

Region: Capital District

Population: 2,732

Climate Smart Communities Pledge Elements:

1. *Pledge to Combat Climate Change by Becoming a Climate Smart Community*
2. *Set Goals, Inventory Emissions, Move to Action*
3. *Decrease Energy Demand for Local Government Operations*
4. *Encourage Renewable Energy for Local Government Operations*
5. *Realize Benefits of Recycling and Other Climate Smart Solid Waste Management Practices*
6. *Promote Climate Protection Through Community Land Use Tools*
7. *Plan for Adaptation to Unavoidable Climate Change*
8. *Support a Green Innovation Economy*
9. *Inform and Inspire the Public*
10. *Commit to an Evolving Process*

Pledge Element 1: Pledge to Combat Climate Change by Becoming a Climate Smart Community

Action	Status	Description
Adopted CSC Pledge	Completed	The Town of Hunter adopted the Climate Smart Communities Pledge in 2009.

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

Action	Status	Description
Government Operations Climate Smart Action Plan	Completed	The Town has a brief Climate Smart Action Plan that was completed in 2009 that outlines a variety of actions including renewable energy, land use tools, stormwater retrofits, water/wastewater facility upgrades, and energy efficient lighting, as well as, education and outreach techniques.

Pledge Element 5: Realize Benefits of Recycling and Other Climate Smart Solid Waste Management Practices

Action	Status	Description
Electronics Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste Days	Completed	Greene County provides electronics recycling and household hazardous waste collection days in the Town.
Greene County Recycling	Completed	Greene County provides recycling services in the Town.

Pledge Element 10: Commit to an Evolving Process

Action	Status	Description
Joined NYS Adaptation Technical Working Group	Completed	The Town of Hunter joined the New York State Climate Action Adaptation Technical Working Group.

For more information about the Town of Hunter's climate protection efforts, please contact: Rene Van Shaack at (518) 589-6151



The Climate Smart Communities Program is jointly sponsored by six New York State Agencies: the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), Department of State, Department of Environmental Conservation, Department of Health, Department of Transportation, and Public Service Commission.