

Climate Smart Communities Profile



Town of Jewett

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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 Jewett 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: 6

Government Type: Town

County: Greene County

Region: Capital District

Population: 953

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 Jewett adopted the Climate Smart Communities Pledge in 2009.

Pledge Element 3: Decrease Energy Demand for Local Government Operations

Action	Status	Description
Town Building Energy Efficiency Measures	Completed	The Town implemented energy efficiency measures in the Town Building.
NYSERDA Energy Audit	Completed	The Town completed an energy audit funded by NYSERDA.

Pledge Element 4: Encourage Renewable Energy for Local Government Operations

Action	Status	Description
Uses Grass Pellet Stove	Completed	The Town uses a grass pellet stove to heat the Town Building Meeting Room and Highway Barn.

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

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

Pledge Element 10: Commit to an Evolving Process

Action	Status	Description
Participating in County All Hazard Plan	In progress	The Town is participating in the development of a County All Hazard Plan.

For more information about the Town of Jewett's climate protection efforts, please contact: Carol Muth at (518) 263- 4646



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.