



Climate Smart Communities

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Village of Catskill

CSC 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 impacts of climate change and save taxpayer dollars. The program is designed to address 10 focus areas outlined in the [CSC 10 Pledge Elements](#) (see below).

This CSC profile outlines the Village of Catskill's progress through the 10 pledge elements. 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 pledge element.

The [CSC Certification](#) program provides local governments with a comprehensive framework to guide climate action and enables high performing communities to achieve recognition for their leadership. Each pledge element below is accompanied by a [CSC Certification Manual](#) that recommends initiatives and resources for getting started. Click on any of the pledge elements for additional information.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT FACTS:

Adopted Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Pledge: 2014

CSC Pledge Elements Addressed: 4 out of 10

Total Actions Completed: 6

Government Type: Village

County: Village of Catskill

Region: Capital District

Population: Population2010 is null

Climate Smart Communities Pledge Elements [Click links to view CSC Certification Manual]

1. [Pledge to be a Climate Smart Community](#)
2. [Set Goals. Inventory Emissions, Plan for Climate Action](#)
3. [Decrease Community Energy Use](#)
4. [Increase Community Use of Renewable Energy](#)
5. [Realize Benefits of Recycling and Other Climate-Smart Solid Waste Management Practices](#)
6. [Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions Through Use of Climate-Smart Land-Use Tools](#)
7. [Enhance Community Resilience and Prepare for the Effects of Climate Change](#)
8. [Support Development of a Green Innovation Economy](#)
9. [Inform and Inspire the Public](#)
10. [Commit to an Evolving Process of Climate Action](#)

Pledge Element 1: Pledge to be a Climate Smart Community

Action	Status	Description
Adopted CSC Pledge	Completed	The Village adopted the Climate Smart Communities Pledge in 2014.

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

Action	Status	Description
Recycling in Public Places	Completed	The Village has recycling bins at public places, such as its public parks.
Clean Sweep Day	In progress	Annually, the Village of Catskill has a Clean Sweep Day where Village residents volunteer to clean up garbage and other debris.
Recycling in Government Offices	Completed	The Village has recycling bins within its local government offices.

Pledge Element 6: Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions Through Use of Climate-Smart Land-Use Tools

Action	Status	Description
Pedestrian Walkway	In progress	The Village is developing a publicly accessible pedestrian walkway.

Pledge Element 7: Enhance Community Resilience and Prepare for the Effects of Climate Change

Action	Status	Description
Cultivate Catskill	Completed	Cultivate Catskill is a locally-based volunteer organization which helps to create and maintain pocket parks around the Village as well as other landscaping. Pocket parks allow Village citizens to have access to local public green space, reducing vehicle miles traveled to larger parks and green areas. Cultivate Catskill maintains upkeep of various landscaping features in the Village, which act as green infrastructure.
Resilient Catskill Plan	Completed	In 2013, the Catskill Waterfront Resilience Task Force created the Resilient Catskill plan, which outlines strategies by which the Village can move forward to become more resilient in the face of potential extreme flooding events.

Pledge Element 8: Support Development of a Green Innovation Economy

Action	Status	Description
Downtown and Waterfront Revitalization Strategy	Completed	In 2009, the Village, in conjunction with the Town of Catskill and Greene County prepared a Downtown and Waterfront Revitalization Strategy which reviews options the Village has to better build out its waterfront, paying careful attention to assets and natural resources in the Village.
Brownfield Study	In progress	The Village is preparing a study identifying brownfields in the Village which could be developed by commercial entities.

Pledge Element 9: Inform and Inspire the Public

Action	Status	Description
Village of Catskill Emergency Preparedness	Identified	The Village is working on an initiative to create informational handouts for its residents so that they may better understand evacuation routes and best practices in the event of a weather-related emergency.

Pledge Element 10: Commit to an Evolving Process of Climate Action

Action	Status	Description
Catskill Waterfront Resilience Task Force Public Meetings	In progress	The Catskill Waterfront Resilience Task Force continues to have public meetings to inform Village residents about resiliency issues and measures they can take to prepare for flooding events.

For more information about the Village of Catskill's climate protection efforts, please contact: Village of Catskill at (518) 943-3830



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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.