

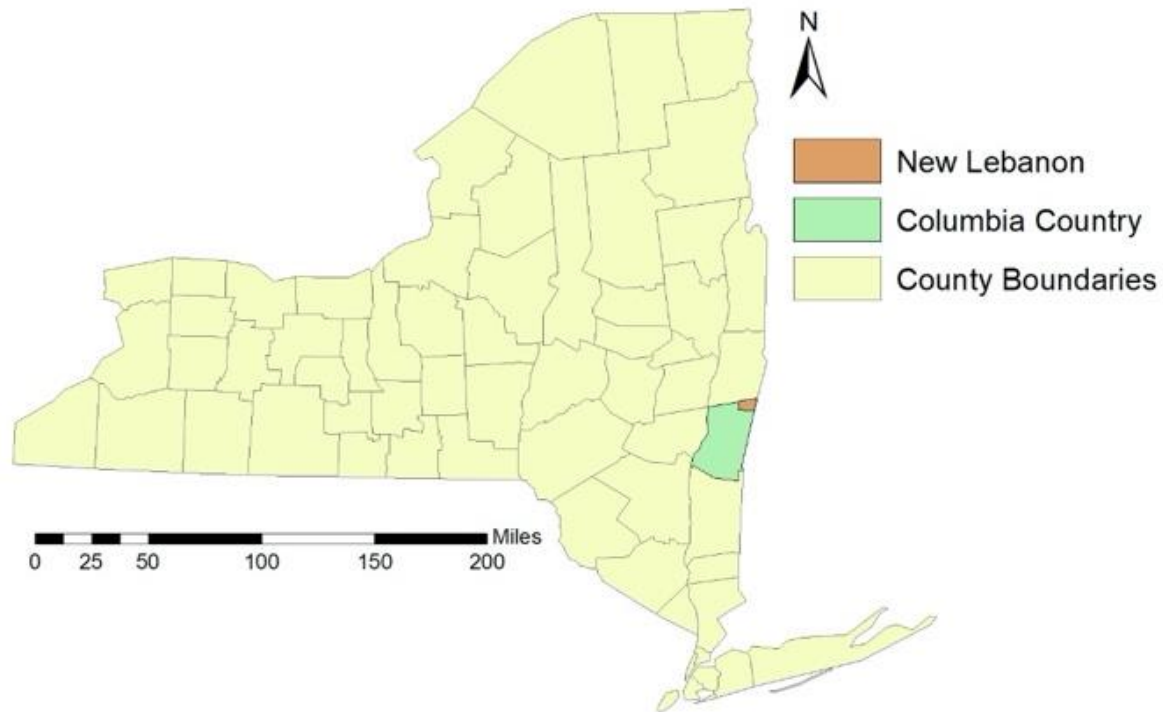
Climate Smart Communities

New Lebanon, NY





Location of New Lebanon in New York State



Data Sources: Geddes Lab, Cornell University
Data Projection: NAD_1983_2011_UTM_Zone_18N



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Certification Actions

Below is the list of actions that are part of the Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Certification program. Click on the pledge elements (PE) and action names to expand the listings and learn more. Actions tagged with "Competitive Funding Available" in the list below were eligible for funding under the 2019 round of the [DEC CSC Grant Program](#).

November 27, 2020: As part of our annual updates, select actions have been revised. This especially applies to actions under PE7. The four-page list of the names of the CSC certification actions and their status is known as the action checklist. **The new action checklist that summarizes the recent updates is available [via this link](#).** (The old action checklist, from April 2020, remains available via [this link](#).)

NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities (CEC): We are in the process of making the revisions needed to align the CSC certification actions with the new round of CEC high-impact actions. We will post the new version of the crosswalk table that lists the equivalent actions as soon as it is available. ([Click here for the old CEC CSC crosswalk from April 2020](#).) Contact climatesmart@dec.ny.gov with questions. Thank you for your patience.

Search Actions

Type in a word(s) to identify all actions with that word(s) in the title

☐ Mandatory

☐ Priority

The Action Totals box at right will also reflect only those actions selected. Click on the Clear Search button to return to the full action listing.

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1. Build a climate-smart community.

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2. Inventory emissions, set goals, and plan for climate action.

▾
3. Decrease energy use.

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Certification Criteria

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Mandatory	2
Priority	3
Points	120
Pledge Elements	4

Show requirements for:

☒ 🏆 BRONZE

☐ 🥈 SILVER

Planned Action Totals (Planned)

Mandatory	0/2
Priority	0/13
Total Points	0/1055
Pledge Elements	0/12
Total Actions	0/113

Mark actions as planned to determine whether or not your application would meet certification criteria.

**TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
RESOLUTION #14, 2020
CREATION OF THE CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES TASK FORCE
APRIL 14, 2020**

At the regular monthly meeting of the New Lebanon Town Board, held via video and teleconference, duly called and held on the 14th day of April 2020, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution by Supervisor Houghtling
Seconded by Councilmember Gordon

CREATION OF THE CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, the Town of New Lebanon took the Climate Smart Communities Pledge in February of 2020; and

WHEREAS, the next step in the Climate Smart Communities Program is to establish a Climate Smart Communities Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Smart Communities Task Force should include members of the Town's Conservation Advisory Council, the NL Representative to the Columbia County Environmental Management Council, and members of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Town sent notice to the public looking for member of the public interested in serving on the Climate Smart Task Force and received 8 letters of interest from members of the public; and

WHEREAS, the NL Representative to the Columbia County Environmental Management Council and 3 members of the Town's Conservation Advisory Council have agreed to serve on the Climate Smart Task Force with the NL Representative to the Columbia County Environmental Management Council serving as the Climate Smart Communities Coordinator and a member of the Town's Conservation Advisory Council serving as the Chair; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Smart Communities Coordinator position shall serve as the single point person to serve as liaison among the governing body and chief executive and shall have a commitment to local climate action, good communication and organizational skills, demonstrated ability to motivate volunteers and the ability to manage relationships among elected officials, municipal staff and volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Smart Communities Chair position shall as liaison among task force members and chair all climate smart task force meetings and shall have a commitment to local climate action, good communication and organizational skills, demonstrated ability to motivate volunteers and the ability to manage relationships among volunteers.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of New Lebanon hereby establishes the Climate Smart Task Force with the following members and positions:

Bruce Shenker – CSC Coordinator and NL Rep to CC Enviro Mgt Council
Steve Powers – CSC Chair and CAC Rep
Robert Gilson – CAC Rep
Jenna Barbary – CAC Rep

Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Certification Action Checklist - Version 4.0 (Nov. 27, 2020)

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CSC Grants: These actions may be fundable under the certification category of the CSC Grant Program. For details see this webpage: http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/109181.html#CSC				
Action Name (version 3)	Legacy Action #	Legacy Name (version 2)	Points	Type/Status
PE1: Build a climate-smart community.				
PE1 Action: CSC Task Force	1.2	Create a community Climate Smart Community task force focused on climate mitigation and adaptation	20	Mandatory
PE1 Action: CSC Coordinator	1.3	Appoint a Climate Smart Community coordinator	10	Mandatory
PE1 Action: National/Regional Climate Program	1.5	Join a national or regional climate campaign or program	3	
PE1 Action: Partnerships with Other Entities	10.3	Cooperate with neighboring communities and partner agencies	3	
PE2: Inventory emissions, set goals, and plan for climate action.				
PE2 Action: Government Operations GHG Inventory	2.1	Develop a government operations GHG emissions inventory	16	Priority, CSC Grants
PE2 Action: Community GHG Inventory	2.2	Develop a community GHG emissions inventory	16	Priority, CSC Grants
PE2 Action: Government Operations Climate Action Plan	2.5	Develop a government operations climate action plan	12 - 16	Priority, CSC Grants
PE2 Action: Community Climate Action Plan	2.6	Develop a community climate action plan	16	Priority, CSC Grants
PE3: Decrease energy use.				
PE3 Action: Government Building Energy Audits	3.1	Conduct energy audits of local government buildings	8 - 16	Priority
PE3 Action: Interior Lighting Upgrades	3.2	Upgrade interior lighting	1 - 5	
PE3 Action: HVAC Upgrades	3.3	Upgrade HVAC equipment	1 - 5	
PE3 Action: Water-efficient Fixtures	3.4	Install water-efficient fixtures	1 - 4	
PE3 Action: Building Energy Management System	3.5	Install a building energy management system (EMS)	1 - 5	
PE3 Action: Energy Benchmarking for Government Buildings	3.32	Adopt an energy benchmarking requirement for government-owned buildings	2 - 5	CEC
PE3 Action: Clean Energy Upgrades	NA	NA (This is a new action, version 3.)	10	CEC
PE3 Action: Green Building Standard for Government Buildings	3.7	Adopt a green building standard for local government buildings and facilities	2 - 4	
PE3 Action: Green Building Certification	3.8	Build a new green building	15	
PE3 Action: Fleet Inventory	NA	NA (This is a new action, version 3.)	4	CSC Grants
PE3 Action: Fleet Efficiency Policy	3.10	Adopt a vehicle fleet efficiency policy	2 - 3	CSC Grants
PE3 Action: Fleet Rightsizing	3.11	Right-size the local government fleet	1 - 3	
PE3 Action: Advanced Vehicles	3.12	Replace traditional vehicles with advanced vehicles	2 - 10	CEC
PE3 Action: LED Street Lights	3.15	Convert streetlights to LED	5 - 10	CEC
PE3 Action: LED Traffic Signals	3.16	Convert traffic signals to LED	1 - 4	
PE3 Action: Outdoor Lighting Reduction	3.17	Reduce number of outdoor lighting fixtures	1 - 4	
PE3 Action: Outdoor Lighting Upgrades	3.18	Upgrade outdoor lighting (other than streetlights and traffic signals) to more efficient and/or solar technology	1 - 4	
PE3 Action: Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy	3.24	Adopt an environmentally preferable purchasing policy	1 - 4	
PE3 Action: Financing Mechanism for Government Energy Projects	3.25	Establish a financing mechanism for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects in government owned buildings	5	
PE3 Action: Waste & Energy Provisions in Government Contracts	3.26	Incorporate energy efficiency and waste handling provisions in standard specifications and government contracts	1 - 3	
PE3 Action: Incentives for Employee Carpooling & Transit	3.28	Subsidize and incentivize employee alternative commuting	1 - 3	
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New Lebanon CSC Actions Submitted Jan 6, 2021

status	PE	action	min points		
done	PE1	1.1 Pass a Resolution Adopting the CSC Pledge	0	Filed	Checked
done	PE1	PE1 Action: CSC Task Force	20	Filed	Checked
done	PE1	PE1 Action: CSC Coordinator	10	Filed	Checked
done	PE1	National / regional climate program	3	Filed	Checked
done	PE1	Partnerships with other entities	3	Filed	Checked
done	PE2	Government ops GHG inventory	16	filed	Checked
done	PE3	Energy code enforcement training	5	Filed	Checked
done	PE3	LED street lighting	10	Filed	Checked
done	PE3	Energy Benchmarking for Government Buildings	4	Filed	Checked
done	PE3	Town vehicle fleet inventory	4	filed	checked
done	PE5	Free store / bike recycling (Resource Recovery Center)	6	filed	checked
done	PE5	Organic waste program for government buildings	2	Filed	Checked
done	PE5	Organics management plan	2	Filed	Checked
done	PE5	Recycling bins in gov't buildings	3	Filed	Checked
done	PE5	Residential Organic Waste Program	4	Filed	Checked
done	PE5	Waste Reduction Education Campaign	2	Filed	Checked
done	PE6	Unified Solar permitting	5	Filed	Checked
done	PE6	Natural resources inventory	10	Filed	Checked
done	PE6	Town support for rail trail	3	Filed	Checked
done	PE7	Hazard Mitigation plan	4	Filed	Checked
done	PE7	Climate Vulnerability Assessment	8	Filed	Checked
done	PE8	Support for farmers market	3	Filed	Checked
done	PE8.7	Buy Local/Buy Green Campaign	2	Filed	Checked
done	PE9	Social Media	3	Filed	Checked
done	PE9	Local Climate Action Website	3	Filed	Checked
done	PE11	Innovative approaches to Existing CSC actions (Marc's bike program)	5	Filed	Checked



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**Climate Smart
Communities**

Certified Bronze

New Lebanon

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Climate Smart Communities Task Force Committee

Climate Smart Communities Task Force

Join our Climate Smart Communities Facebook group [here](#)[Mission statement:](#)

On April 14, 2020, in a town meeting held via video and teleconference, the New Lebanon Town Board resolved to be a "Climate Smart Community," thus joining a state-wide effort, directed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve climate resilience. A Task Force consisting of 12 residents was created by the Town to help it meet its commitments as a participant in this program, and, in general, to explore ways for the entire community to reduce its carbon footprint.

The Task Force's mandate is twofold:

- 1) to decide on appropriate actions that would significantly help the community reduce its carbon footprint and adapt to a changing climate
- 2) to see the proposed actions through to accomplishment.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Town of New Lebanon, in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate, adopts the New York State Climate Smart Communities pledge, which comprises the following ten elements:

- 1) Build a climate-smart community.
- 2) Inventory emissions, set goals, and plan for climate action.
- 3) Decrease energy use.
- 4) Shift to clean, renewable energy.
- 5) Use climate-smart materials management.
- 6) Implement climate-smart land use.
- 7) Enhance community resilience to climate change.
- 8) Support a green innovation economy.
- 9) Inform and inspire the public.
- 10) Engage in an evolving process of climate action.

The full resolution can be read [here](#). Meetings are typically held on the first Wednesday of each month from 7pm-8pm at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon. All meetings are open to the public. Minutes of the meetings will be posted below.

The Climate Smart Communities Task Force Team:

Steve Powers, CSC Chair, CAC Rep

Bruce Shenker, CSC Coordinator, New Lebanon Rep To CC Env Management Council

Jenna Barbary-Glovsky, CAC Rep

Bob Gilson, CAC Rep

Marsha Kessler

Adelia Moore

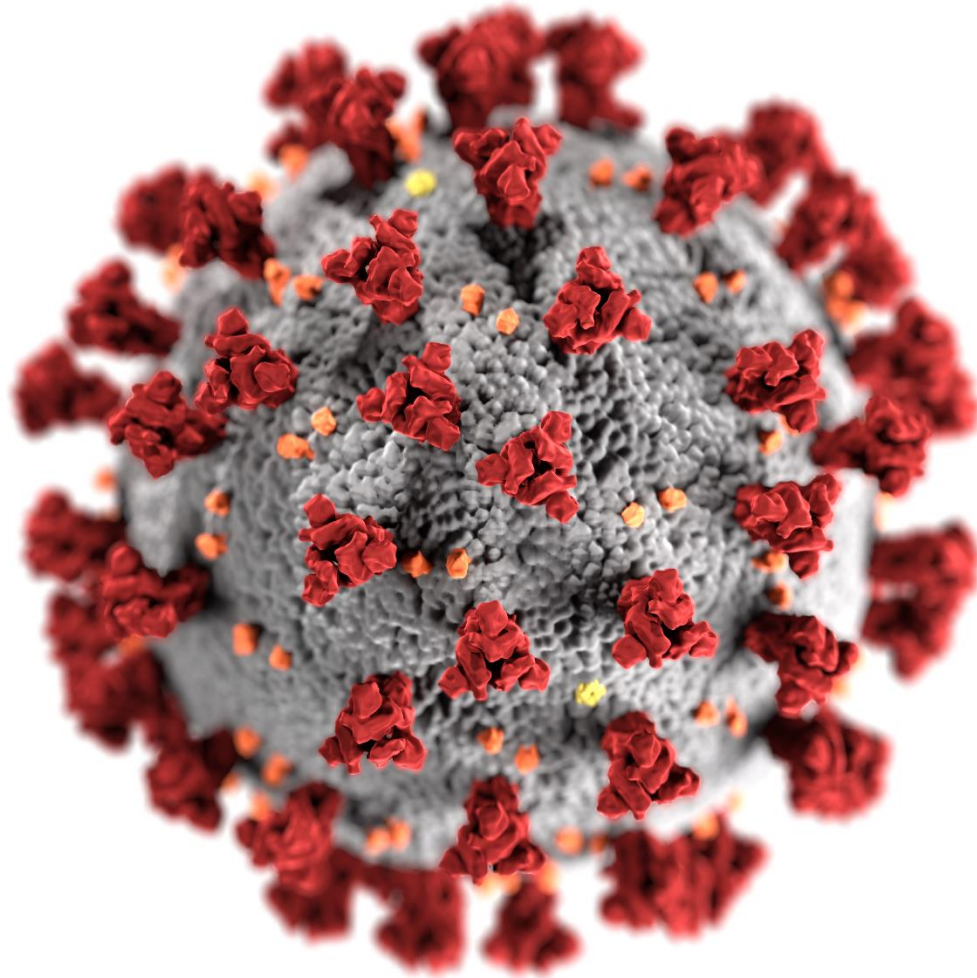
Elizabeth Poreba

Sarah Steadman

Cathy Wilkerson

ZRC MINUTES

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Thanks Covid!

Composting 101



NEW LEBANON PRESENTS

NEW LEBANON COMPOSTS!



IN NEW YORK STATE, 3.9 MILLION TONS OF FOOD ENDS UP IN LANDFILLS EACH YEAR.

In landfills, food slowly decays and produces methane, a greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change.

Composting is a way to use that food waste to grow more healthy food, and to produce less methane.



HOW DO I COMPOST?

Our town compost is vegan - this means that we can accept any plant based products, but no meat, dairy, eggs, fats, or oils. All you need is a small bin with a top for your own counter - keep all your food scraps in there, then drop them off at the community garden when full.

YES:

- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Coffee Grounds
- Grass clippings
- Sawdust
- Dried Leaves



NO:

- Meat, fish, shellfish, meat products
- Dairy products
- Oil/fat
- Eggs

WHERE DO I COMPOST?

Our composting site is at the Community Garden



Low-cost compost buckets are available at local businesses and online



Climate Smart Communities

Produced by the New Lebanon Climate Smart Communities Task Force











A THANKSGIVING EVENT

SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 22, 2020

STARTS AT 11 AM

LEBANON VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

523 RTE 20, NEW LEBANON, NY 12125

You are invited with your family to visit

The Free Store Giveaway Event

to shop for clothes, shoes, toys, and more **all for free.**

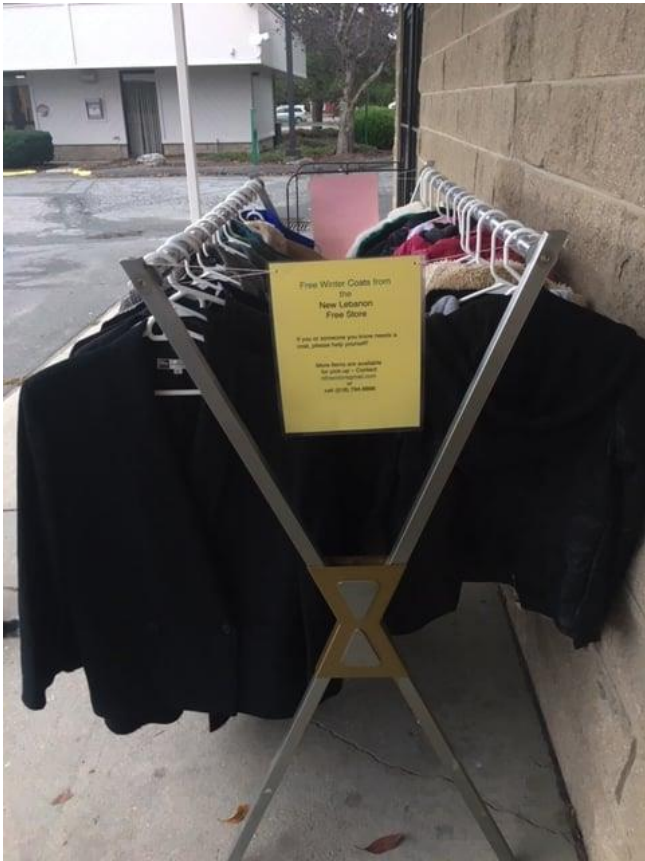
Please wear a mask and don't forget to bring your own
recyclable shopping bags .

We will be observing social distancing measures and admitting
attendees cautiously.

YOU CAN ALSO HELP BY VOLUNTEERING AND/OR DONATING.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT ZINEB & SARA:
917-935-5225 | NLFREESTORE@GMAIL.COM







Please contact the library to pick up programming kits.)

Community Ornament Project

Normally we have a community potluck to celebrate the end of the year. This year we are doing something a little different. We would like to ask for you to drop by the library and pick up a wooden ornament, decorate it and return it to the library. We want to turn the library into a collaborative art piece for the holidays—both inside and outside. Even if we cannot share a common

started out right—with balloons, confetti and fun crafts. Please watch the library website and social media for when these kits will be ready for you to grab!

Special Programs

First Fridays With Linda Worster - Friday, December 4 at 6:30 pm - Join us for an evening of wonderful music with Berkshire singer/songwriter Linda Worster online! The links are available via

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Free Store Giveaway Well Attended

The Town of New Lebanon free store, started by now Town Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling 5 years ago when she was Town Clerk, is now being overseen by the Climate Smart Task Force of New Lebanon as one of its climate smart actions (reduce, reuse, recycle). Since COVID started, the Free Store has not been able to be accessed by the public, with donations just sitting untouched at the town hall.

CSC member Sarah Steadman and volunteer Zineb Lamaani had the idea to have a one day pop up event at the Lebanon Valley Protective Association (LVPA) fire house where there was plenty of room to spread out all donations and safely socially distance. CSC volunteers, Supervisor Houghtling and a crew of community members came together to move everything to the LVPA, set it all up and invite the public in on Sunday, November 22 from 11 am to 3 pm to take anything they could use for free. All visitors were given a



A look at some of the clothing and shoes for the taking at the Free Store Giveaway in New Lebanon this past Sunday. Photo provided.

health screening, wore masks and sanitized while keeping the numbers of families in the building to 4 at one time to ensure a safe, socially distanced event.

The function drew up to 20 families at one time waiting in the parking lot for their turn. Over 125 people attended and everyone left with bags full of great, new to them, items! It was a successful event that provided much needed clothes, shoes, toys, books and more to so many in our community! Supervisor Houghtling later said "It truly takes a village and it is a wonderful thing to be a part of ours!"

Climate Vulnerability Assessment

Based on review of climate models, identify top hazards for community,

determine:

- Exposure
- Sensitivity
- Adaptive Capacity

7. Enhance community resilience to climate change.

PE7 Action: Climate Vulnerability Assessment

4 Points



Bronze Priority



Silver Priority

• THIS ACTION HAS VARIABLE POINTS: 4, 8, 16 • COMPETITIVE FUNDING AVAILABLE

Climate Smart Communities

New Lebanon, NY

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What's on your mind, Steve?



Room



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Steve Powers

Admin

September 29 at 8:51 PM · 🌐

Welcome to the Climate Smart Communities Facebook group for the Town of New Lebanon! Please invite your local friends to join us so they can get all the New Lebanon updates. Thanks!

Anne Powers, Peg Munves and 5 others

Seen by 37



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New Activity



Steve Powers

Admin

October 16 at 4:49 PM · 🌐

About

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Buy Local/Buy Green

Climate Smart Communities News:

New Lebanon Farmer's Market All Year Long!

Even though your own garden may be frozen solid, you can still find fresh vegetables by going to newlebanonfarmersmarket.com.

The website offers a selection of produce, breads, cheeses, and meats, all produced in the New Lebanon area, which can be delivered or picked up in town on Thursdays and Sundays.

By supporting this local food system, you are providing for the health of our rural community as well as your own health. Buy Local, Buy Green!

Besides, the offerings are delicious, varied, and sometimes surprising — have you ever tried tetsukabuto squash?

#ClimateSmartCommunities #NewLebanonFarmersMarket #FreshLocalFood #BuyLocalBuyGreen



LOCAL IS GREEN




New Lebanon NY

Community Solar Program

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Ampion Renewable Energy website. The browser's address bar shows the URL <https://ampion.net/newlebanonny/>. The website features the Ampion Renewable Energy logo and the New Lebanon NY seal. The main heading is "Clean, renewable energy for everyone". Below this, the text states: "New Lebanon is partnering with Ampion Renewable Energy to provide residents with the opportunity to save money on electricity costs and support clean energy in NY." It further explains that for every New Lebanon resident who signs up, Ampion will contribute \$100 towards a fund to help pay for solar panels for Town Hall. The text also mentions that Ampion has been vetted by both the state Clean Energy Communities program and the New Lebanon Climate Smart Communities Task Force, and that the opportunity is voluntary and will not result in increased costs. A form prompts users to "Enter your email address and zip code to get started", with fields for "Email Address" and "Zip Code", and a "Check Availability" button. A "LEARN MORE" link with a downward arrow is also present. The background of the website features a stylized illustration of solar panels, power lines, and houses. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 8:22 PM on 3/29/2021.

AMPION
RENEWABLE ENERGY



Clean, renewable energy for everyone

New Lebanon is partnering with Ampion Renewable Energy to provide residents with the opportunity to save money on electricity costs and support clean energy in NY.

For every New Lebanon resident who signs up for this money-saving and environmentally-friendly program, Ampion will contribute \$100 towards a fund to help pay for solar panels for Town Hall. The solar panels will cut costs for the Town, while providing green energy to power our municipal buildings.

Ampion has been vetted by both the state Clean Energy Communities program and the New Lebanon Climate Smart Communities Task Force. The opportunity is voluntary and will not result in increased costs.

Enter your email address and zip code to get started

[Check Availability](#)

[LEARN MORE](#)

Town Hall Lighting Upgrades



NL becomes certified Climate Smart Community

NEW LEBANON—Though it was difficult to do via Zoom, members of the New Lebanon Climate Smart Communities Task Force shared a moment of satisfaction at their latest meeting when Chair Steve Powers announced that their work had made New Lebanon the first town in Columbia County to earn Bronze certification from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's "Climate Smart Communities" program.

This program is the state's approach to getting communities to think about and act on

reducing greenhouse gas emissions, increasing clean energy sources, and building more resilient communities. Towns that join the program are given lists of environmentally beneficial measures, from changing the light bulbs in government buildings to distributing composting information. Each action is worth a certain number of points. A list of the 130 points worth of actions that New Lebanon completed to win certification is available at climatesmart.ny.gov.

Chair Powers reflected that the Task Force was "fortunate

to have great patrons in Town Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling and the Town Board who supported us at every step of the way. We are thrilled the DEC recognized the hard work put in by a motivated group of volunteers who care about their town and the environment. Special thanks to our Task Force, our advisor Marc Anthonisen, who is currently earning a Masters in Public Administration from the Cornell Institute of Public Affairs, and our liaison to the DEC Jill Falchi-Henck. In addition to striving for Silver, we hope to mentor neighboring

communities so they too can achieve Bronze."

Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling said, in a press release, "As Town Clerk I worked hard to get New Lebanon designated as a Clean Energy Community and it is such an accomplishment for us now to also be a Climate Smart Community with Bronze status. The actions the town is taking through these programs benefit our community in so many ways: decreasing our environmental impacts, saving tax dollars, and providing free bikes, clothing, etc for our community

members. I especially want to thank our CSC chair, Steve Powers and our CSC advisor, Marc Anthonisen for their extensive time and effort in helping us achieve bronze status in record time."

This certification provides the town higher scores on grant applications for some state funding programs and streamlined access to resources, training, tools and expert guidance.

The Task Force has already embarked on actions to earn the 300 points needed for Silver certification.

Party is running for one of the Casev. Current Valatie Mayor Cuomo moved village elections

Summary

Critical success factors

- Small scale town
- Appropriate messaging
- Amazing volunteers

Road to Silver

- Community GHG inventory
- EV charger
- Resilience planning