

2025 - 2026

ANNUAL REPORT



**Data &
Mapping**



**Economic
Development**



Sustainability

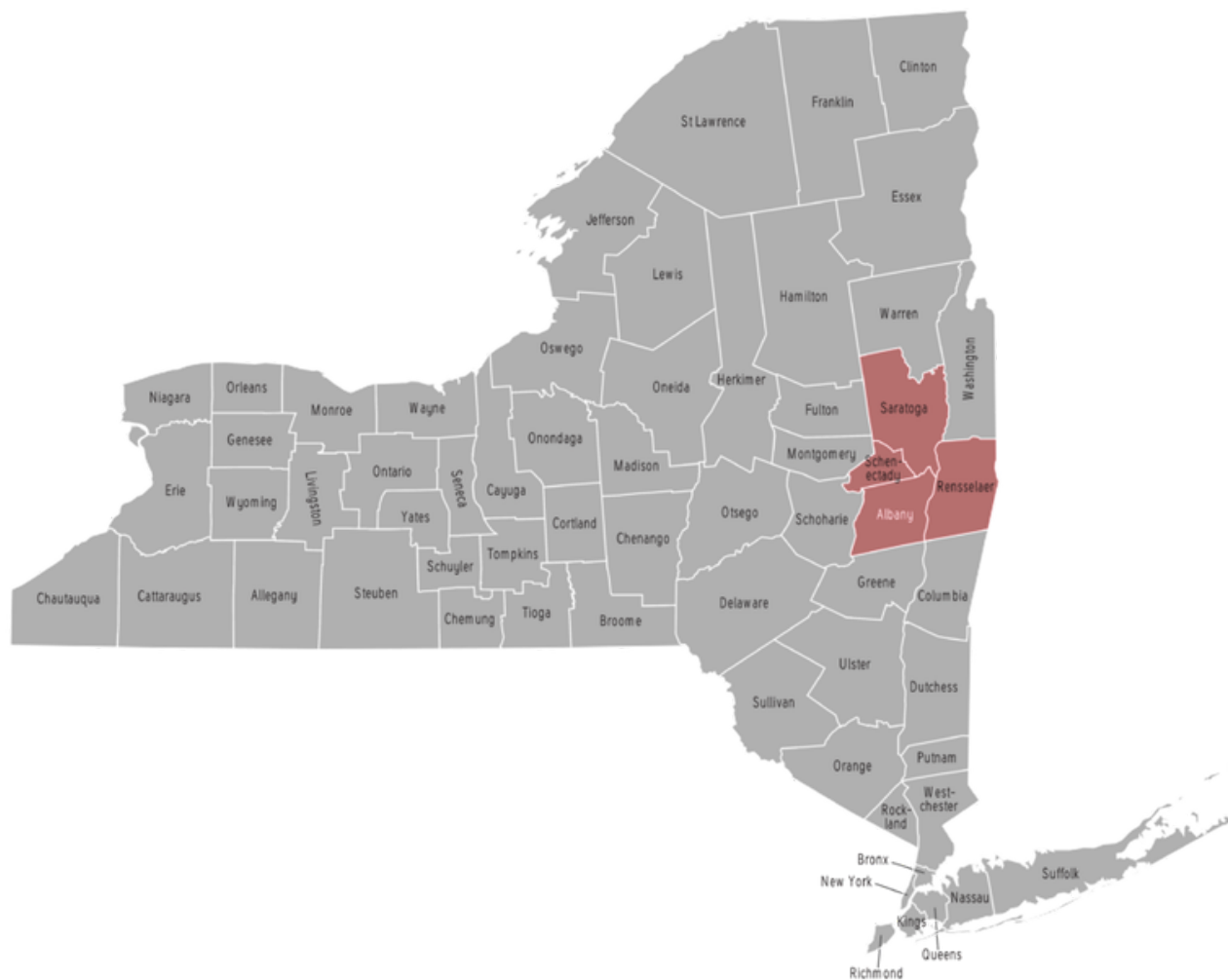


**Water
Quality &
Environment**



**Human
Services**





EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES ADVANCING THE REGION

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Board Chair Joe Grasso presents a plaque to Todd Fabozzi in honor of his 30 years with CDRPC



CDRPC staff attend GIS Day at UAlbany

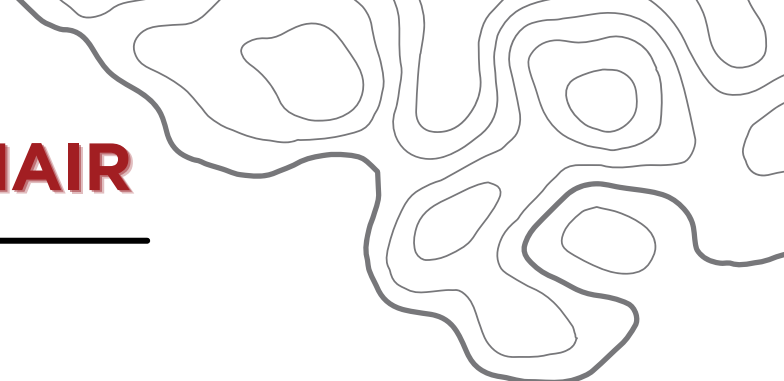


Water quality sampling training to assess how the CSO Pool Communities' projects have improved Hudson River water quality



In collaboration with NYSERDA and CDRPC, Pace University's Land Use Law Center brought it's award-winning Land Use Leadership training to the Capital Region in April

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR



Dear Colleagues & Partners,

On behalf of the Capital District Regional Planning Commission (CDRPC), I am pleased to present the 2025–2026 Annual Report. This report highlights the continued impact of regional collaboration across Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga, and Schenectady counties and reflects another year of progress in addressing shared challenges and opportunities.

CDRPC’s mission remains grounded in collaboration, data-driven decision-making, and service to our member communities. As a regional planning agency, we support local governments through high-quality data, technical assistance, and strategic planning across disciplines including clean energy, climate resilience, economic development, transportation, water quality, housing, and human services.

During the past year, CDRPC supported communities in securing state and federal funding; expanded analytical tools and long-range projections; and delivered direct, on-demand technical assistance throughout the Capital Region. Across all program areas, the Commission emphasized measurable outcomes, regulatory compliance, and long-term regional value.

CDRPC continues to provide a strong return on investment for its member counties. County contributions are leveraged through grants, contracts, and partnerships, with resulting funds reinvested directly into programs and services that benefit local governments and residents.

As you review this report, I hope it conveys the scope of our work and the values that guide it: collaboration, accountability, fiscal stewardship, and a commitment to the long-term vitality of the Capital Region.



Joseph Grasso
Chair, 2026



TRAINING & OUTREACH

CDRPC expanded professional education, stakeholder engagement, and municipal communications to strengthen local capacity, improve coordination, and increase access to planning resources.



CDRPC's Fall Planning & Zoning Workshop at HVCC

Regional Collaboration in Action

CDRPC's Annual Planning & Zoning Workshop brought together more than 160 planning professionals from across the Capital Region for a full day of professional development and applied training at Hudson Valley Community College's Bulmer Telecommunications Center.

The workshop, which offered AICP Certification Maintenance (CM) credits, featured an opening plenary on *In Motion, the Capital Region's Long-Range Transportation Plan*, followed by concurrent sessions covering a wide range of planning and zoning topics.



Capital Region Transportation Council Executive Director, Sandy Misiewicz, delivers keynote presentation on the region's new Long-Range Transportation Plan

Topics Included:

- Climate Action Planning
- Stormwater Management
- Wetland Regulations
- Drinking Water Source Protection Planning
- Site Plan Review
- Battery Energy Storage Systems
- Land Use Law
- Technology and Artificial Intelligence in Local Government Decision-Making



Todd Fabozzi Presents on the Regional Climate Action Plan at the Fall Planning & Zoning Workshop at HVCC



TRAINING & OUTREACH

DataNews & Newsletters

Over the past year, CDRPC distributed newsletters and recurring DataNews publications through 27 bulk campaigns, reaching 22,093 total sends. Communications achieved an average open rate of 39.9% and an average click rate of 8.3%. DataNews continued as a distinct, data-focused publication highlighting newly released CDRPC reports, regional indicators, dashboards, and analytical tools, while newsletters provided broader updates on CDRPC programs, initiatives, and regional activities.



Social Media Engagement

Facebook generated approximately 2,400 views, 1,200 profile visits, and 225 new followers.



Capital District Regional Planning Commission

Instagram content reached approximately 4,700 views, resulting in 186 profile visits and 61 new followers.



@CDRPC

LinkedIn generated more than 30,000 impressions, reached over 17,000 unique viewers, and drove nearly 3,000 engagements.



Capital District Regional Planning Commission

Targeted Training & Capacity Building

CDRPC coordinated outreach for the Land Use Leadership Alliance (LULA) Training Program, delivered in partnership with Pace University's Land Use Law Center and NYSERDA. The multi-day curriculum focuses on clean energy and responsible land use planning, state-local authority dynamics, planning and regulatory techniques, and public engagement tools. The program includes a high-level assessment of participating communities' plans and regulations, with a focus on clean energy readiness.



Land Use Leadership Alliance (LULA) training at Saratoga Springs, from April 27-29.

SAVE THE DATE!

 CAPITAL DISTRICT
Regional
Planning
Commission

**LAND USE LEADERSHIP
ALLIANCE TRAINING
PROGRAM! (LULA)**

In collaboration with the **NYSERDA** and **CDRPC**, Pace University's Land Use Law Center will bring its award-winning training program in April!

Program Highlights:

- Training on land use planning and regulation;
- Clean energy development and resource protection;
- Community engagement tools;
- Local & state planning authority.

 **APRIL 27-29, 2026** **FREE**
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

 **THE HIDEAWAY AT
SARATOGA LAKE**
35 GRACEMOORE ROAD,
SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY

 **REGISTER NOW**

 NEW YORK
STATE OF
OPPORTUNITY

 **LAND USE
LAW CENTER**
ELISABETH HAUB SCHOOL OF LAW AT PACE UNIVERSITY



* Register by March 20th.

* Training program for Members of the Hudson Valley Flood Resilience Network



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE & DATA SERVICES

Data, GIS, and analytical services remain foundational to CDRPC's mission. In 2025–2026, the Commission produced and updated studies, dashboards, and forecasts to support local planning, capital investment, grant applications, and policy development.

CDRPC Publications & Data Products

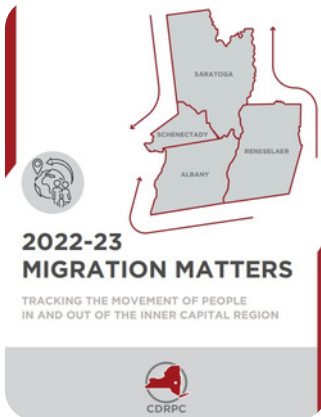


Capital Region Housing Trends: Missing Middle vs. Single-Family

An analysis of housing trends from 2019–2024, focusing on missing middle housing types, investor activity, and affordability.

2025 Capital Region Housing Affordability Report

Assesses housing affordability by comparing wages and incomes to rents and home prices.

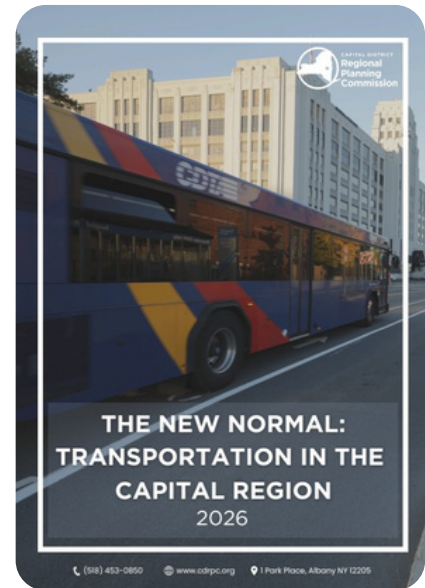


Talent On The Move Report

An analysis of workforce movement in and out of the region by industry sector.

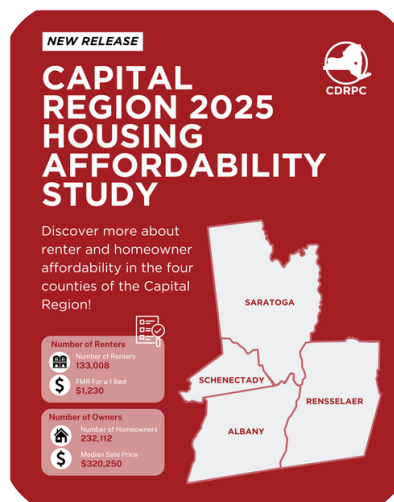
2022-23 Migration Matters

The findings highlight how interstate and intrastate migration trends are shaping the region's population and economic future.



The New Normal: Transportation in the Capital Region

Examines trends across public transit, intercity rail, aviation, and micromobility between 2019 and 2025. Drawing on data from the National Transit Database, local transportation agencies, and regional demographic sources, the analysis highlights how travel behavior has shifted—and what those changes mean for the region's transportation future.





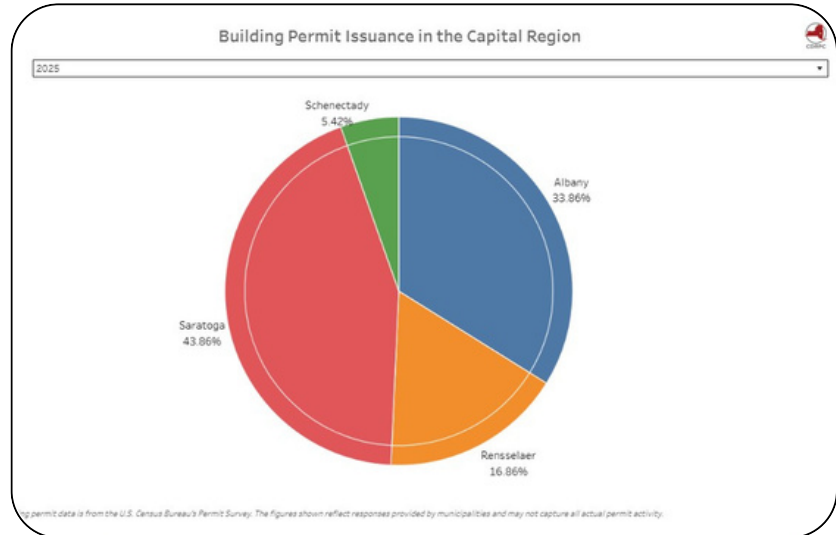
Tracking Key Regional Indicators

Building Permit Issuance

In the 2024 U.S. Census Building Permit Survey, the Capital Region saw a 24.24% increase in permits issued, rising from 1,873 (2023) to 2,327 (2024), closer to the 17-year average of 2,170 permits per year.

Municipal Growth

87% of communities in the Capital Region experienced growth between 2023 and 2024 based on U.S. Census Vintage 2024 estimates.

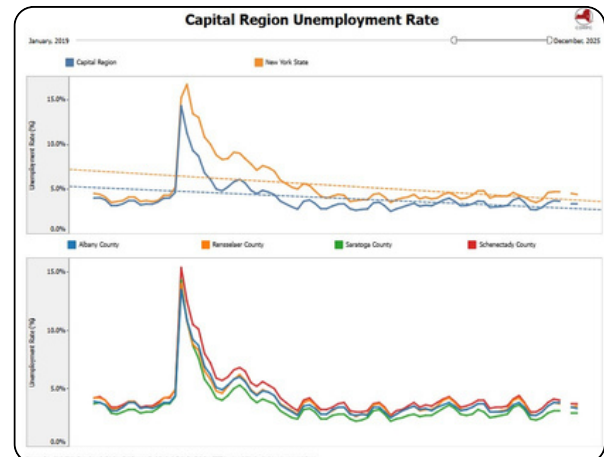


Population change (8-county region)

An estimated gain of 3,358 people between July 1, 2024 and July 1, 2025.

Unemployment

The Capital District recorded a 3.4% unemployment rate as of December 2025.



Cost of Living (COLI)

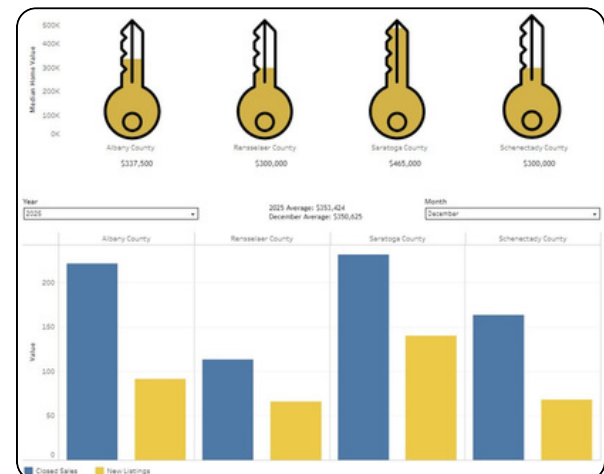
Despite below-average utility costs, most major living expenses in the Albany-Schenectady-Troy MSA remained above the national average throughout 2025.

Housing

Median sale price of a home in the Capital Region increased by 6.6% between 2024 and 2025

Area Median Income (AMI)

The Capital Region's AMI was \$116,100 in 2025 a 34.38% increase from 2018s AMI of \$86,400.





TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE & DATA SERVICES

Dashboards, StoryMaps, and Visualization Tools

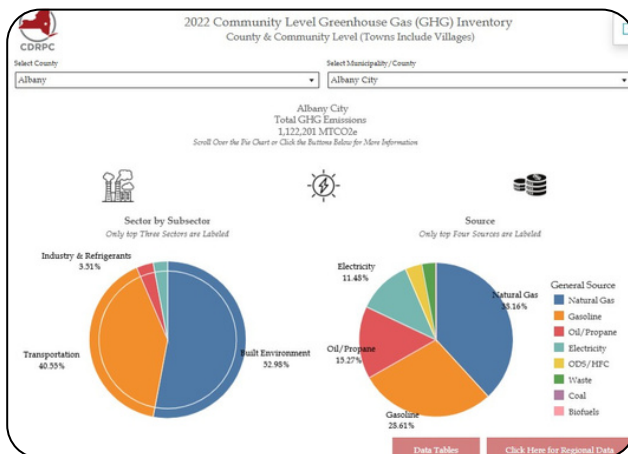
CDRPC continued to expand interactive tools to make data more accessible, including:

Capital Region Climate Action Plan & Portal:

A centralized resource that aggregates climate-related data from CDRPC and other local sources to support community climate action planning, decision-making, and implementation efforts.

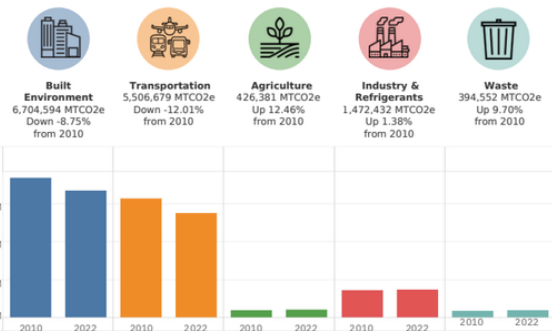


CDRPC Capital Region Climate Action Portal - Website



Emissions Reductions 2010-2022

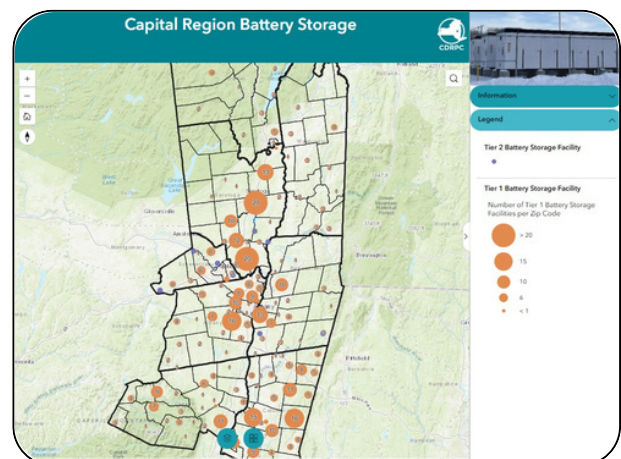
Change in GHG Emissions from 2010 to 2022 for the 8-County Capital Region



Source: CDRPC Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventories Dashboard

Capital Region Battery Storage:

An interactive map displaying the locations of Tier 1 and Tier 2 Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) across the Capital Region. Using data from NYSERDA, the map provides a regional overview of existing energy storage facilities and highlights differences in system scale and storage capacity.

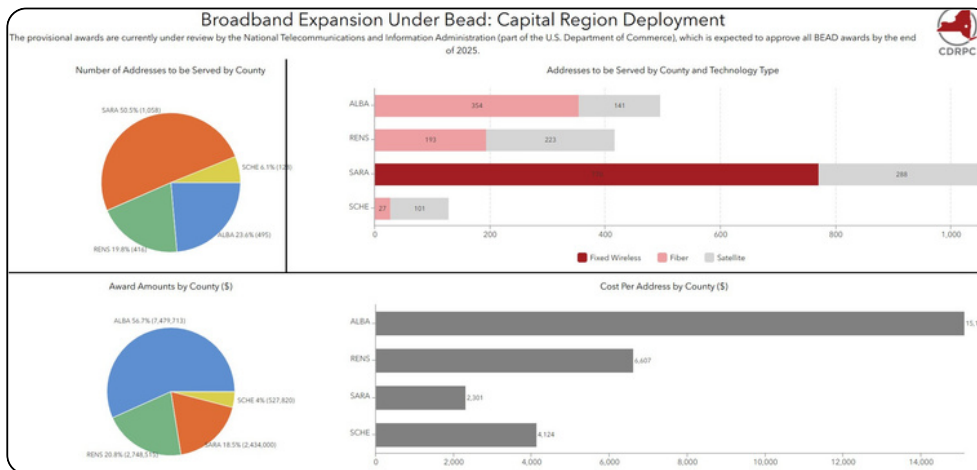
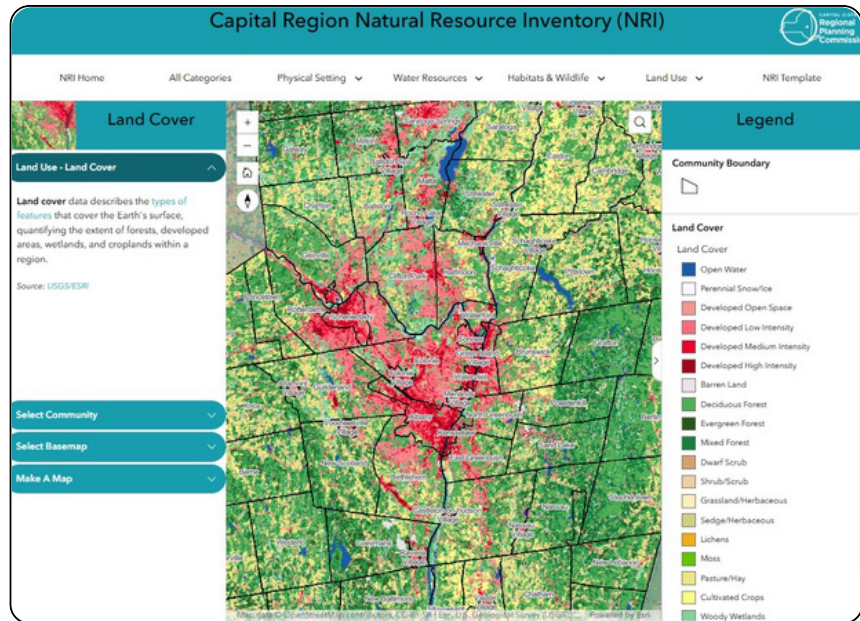




TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE & DATA SERVICES

Capital Region Natural Resource Inventory (NRI):

An interactive, web-based planning resource designed to help municipalities identify, visualize, and protect important natural resources within their communities. The Capital Region NRI Portal brings together a wide range of environmental and land use datasets in a single, easy-to-use mapping platform.

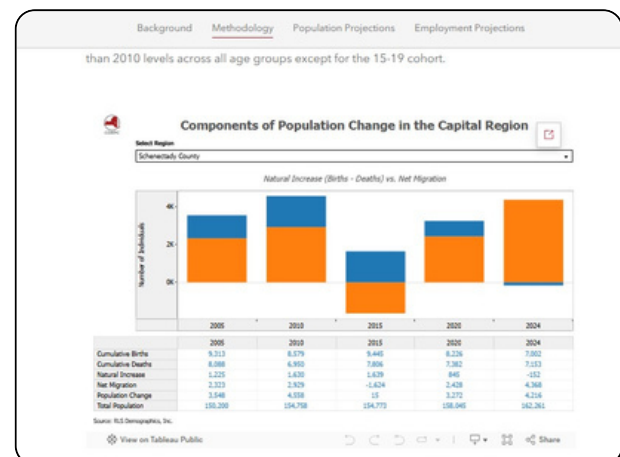


Broadband Expansion ArcGIS Dashboard:

Tracking broadband expansion and access in the Capital Region.

Future in Focus StoryMap:

Presents the latest update to the region's long-term forecasts, building on earlier projections completed in 2010. Developed by RLS Demographics, Inc., and visualized by CDRPC, this product offers an accessible way to explore how population and employment trends may evolve across the Capital Region.





TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE & DATA SERVICES

School Enrollment Projections

CDRPC completed school enrollment projection studies for multiple districts, supporting facilities planning, capital project submissions, and coordination with NYSED. Districts listed in the reporting period include:

- Bethlehem CSD, **Albany County**
- Watervliet CSD, **Albany County**
- South Colonie CSD, **Albany County**
- Lansingburgh CSD, **Rensselaer County**
- East Greenbush CSD, **Rensselaer County**
- Shenendehowa CSD, **Saratoga County**
- Ballston Spa CSD, **Saratoga County**
- Saratoga Springs CSD, **Saratoga County**

Population and Employment Projections (2060)

In support of long-range transportation planning, CDRPC advanced development of Year 2060 economic and demographic forecasts with all supporting data and findings incorporated into the Population Trends StoryMap for public access and exploration.

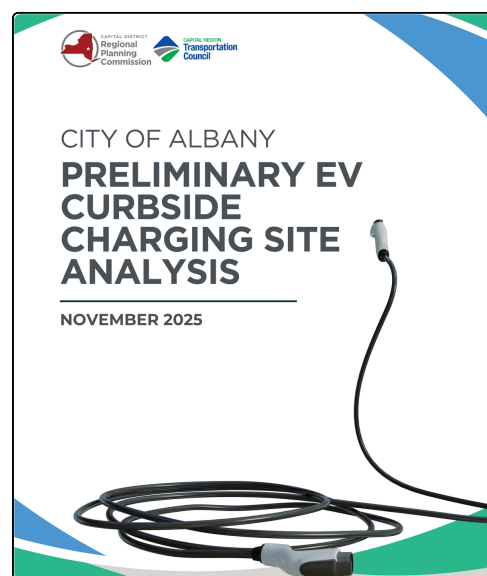


Technical Assistance and Local Project Support



CDRPC supported project development and analysis through the **Transportation Council/CDRPC Technical Assistance Program**. Work during the reporting periods included:

- City of Saratoga Springs Buildout Analysis: evaluating development potential of parcels between West Avenue, Route 9, and Route 29 (with a quarter-mile buffer) to inform broader mobility and land use planning.
- City of Albany Preliminary EV Curbside Charging Siting Analysis: high-level identification of potential curbside EV charging sites, emphasizing use of existing infrastructure (e.g., utility poles) and public accessibility.



City of Albany Preliminary EV Curbside Charging Site Analysis, November 2025



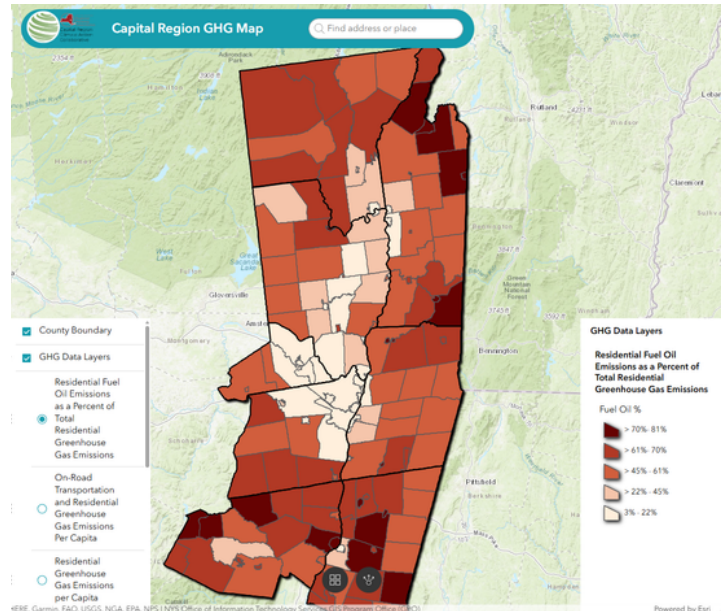
SUSTAINABILITY

CDRPC advanced sustainability and climate goals through program management, technical assistance, and coordinated regional planning.

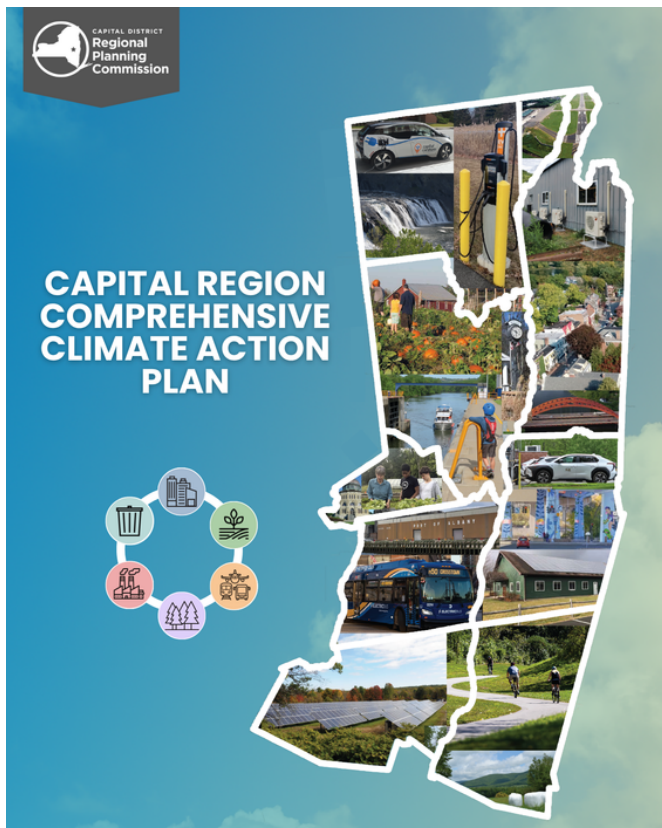
EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG)



CDRPC completed the Capital Region Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP), which was approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in October 2025. The plan was developed through extensive stakeholder engagement, including a Municipal Climate Leadership Team, sector work groups, and five county-level workshops to gather municipal input on greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction strategies.



Capital Region Green House Gas Map - Capital Region Climate Action Portal



CDRPC Capital Region Climate Action Plan

CDRPC also developed a regional GHG inventory and dashboard, climate action portal, and natural resource inventory tool to support implementation and sustainable planning. Ongoing Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) support continued, with EPA confirming progress on grant deliverables, reporting, engagement, and implementation readiness. CDRPC also developed a regional climate action webinar series, scheduled from April through October 2026, to support ongoing education and collaboration.

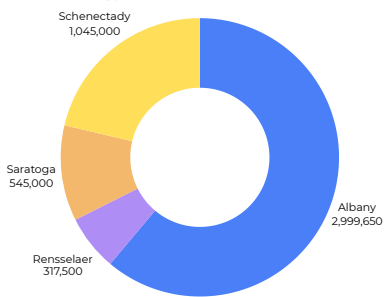


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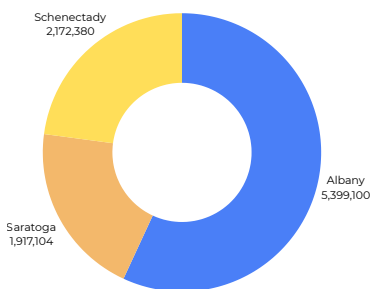
Climate Smart Communities (CSC)

Provided program management and technical assistance under the **NYS DEC Climate Smart Communities program**, supporting certification actions, implementation planning, sustainability planning, and municipal grant readiness. Staff supported more than **60 communities** in the Capital Region and over **300 communities** across the service territory.

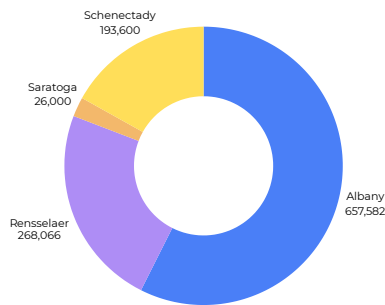
Clean Energy Communities Grants Since 2016



Climate Smart Communities Grants Since 2016



Zero Emissions Vehicle Grants Since 2016



More than \$15,540,000 in Grants to Capital Region Communities!



Land Use Leadership Alliance (LULA) Training Program solar farm site visit. Training offered in partnership with NYSERDA



DEC Commissioner Amanda Lefton speaks at a Climate Smart Communities Designation Event in Kingston, NY

Clean Energy Communities (CEC)

Provided program management and technical assistance under the **NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities program**, supporting municipal grant readiness, implementation planning, and sustainability initiatives. CDRPC also assisted NYSERDA in developing a new local government program that enables communities to earn points toward implementation grant eligibility.



Michael Dutre and Laura Faulk, Saratoga Springs, with CDRPC's Tara Donadio celebrating the City's Bronze CSC Certification



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

CDRPC supported regional economic development by connecting communities to funding opportunities, advancing project development, and administering grants.

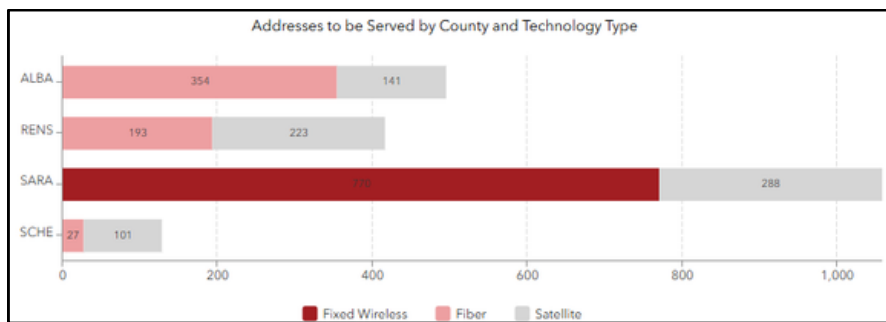


Northern Border Regional Commission

CDRPC was **awarded a \$110,000 program grant** to support our work as an NBRC Local Development District (LDD), with activities including one-on-one technical assistance with potential applicants; dissemination of funding opportunities; and regional engagement through committees and partner networks. NBRC-funded work contributed to the award of **\$13,190,048 in Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) grants** to regional ISPs to provide high-speed broadband service to 2,097 unserved locations.



Johnny Cake Lane Bridge Replacement, Town of Sand Lake, Rensselaer County recieved an NBRC Grant



Addresses to be served through broadband expansion made possible through BEAD grants.



CAPITAL REGION Foreign- Trade Zone #121

CDRPC manages a 10 county area for the Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) program. With a changing tariff landscape, the FTZ has become more attractive over the past year and CDRPC has added two new FTZ users in the past year, GE Vernova and Jupiter Bach. CDRPC also provided technical assistance to Regeneron and the Port of Albany on thier applications to the FTZ Board.



GE VERNOVA

Economic Impact Analysis

CDRPC Completed 6 economic impact analyses during the past year including an Analysis for Empire State University.





WATER QUALITY & ENVIRONMENT

CDRPC supported water quality protection, drinking water source protection planning, and stormwater compliance assistance.

Drinking Water Source Protection (DWSP2)

Watervliet Reservoir: CDRPC relaunched and streamlined the Watervliet Reservoir Drinking Water Source Protection Plan (DWSP2) process to align with NYS DEC guidance. Work included stakeholder reengagement; review of the original 600-page plan; reorganizing and condensing content; shifting technical detail to appendices; and emphasizing actionable strategies for municipal and non-technical audiences. CDRPC assembled and processed GIS datasets and initiated a GIS-based Potential Contaminant Source Inventory (PCSI) to inform best management practices and land use policy recommendations.



Watervliet Mayor Charles Patricelli and Guiderland Supervisor Peter Barber are committed to collaboration



Mayor Charles Patricelli talks water quality at an Oct. 1st reservoir visit



Cross Street Phase II Completion, City of Troy

CSO Program Implementation

CDRPC continued to support the Albany Pool Communities in advancing Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Long Term Control Plan implementation across the Capital Region. During the year, member communities made measurable progress on priority infrastructure projects, including sewer rehabilitation and floatables control facilities, while advancing construction on key system upgrades. Ongoing coordination with NYSDEC, EFC, and regional stakeholders has ensured continued progress toward consent order milestones, improved system performance, and long-term protection of Hudson River water quality.





HUMAN SERVICES

Capital District Youth Center, Inc

On June 5, 2025, regional partners gathered to celebrate the rededication of the Capital District Juvenile Secure Detention Facility following the completion of a multi-year renovation and expansion project. The improvements enhance the facility's ability to meet New York State's Raise the Age requirements while providing expanded services and support for youth in the region. The event highlighted the strong collaboration among county, state, and community partners committed to improving outcomes for young people and strengthening the region's juvenile justice system.



CDRPC Executive Director Mark Castiglione, Albany County Executive Daniel P. McCoy, Together for Youth President and CEO Brian Parchesky, and Dr. DaMia Harris-Madden, Commissioner of the New York State Office of Children and Family Services.

Facility improvements include expanded visitation areas, modern security systems, upgraded recreation spaces, sustainability features (including rooftop solar), and improved internet access to support education and programming. This regional project reflects inter-county collaboration among Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga, and Schenectady counties.



Deputy Albany County Executive Mike McLaughlin, Albany County Comptroller Susan Rizzo and Mark Castiglione



CDYCI Board Members Laura Bauer and Sue Costanzo



Facility Director Ray Wilcox (center) with the Together for Youth Team



Rendered Aerial View of the Capital District Juvenile Secure Detention Facility



The facility's new recreation yard's basket ball court was the site of the June 5, 2025 Rededication



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

During 2025, CDRPC operated with a diversified funding structure that included county contributions, state appropriations, federal grants, and program-generated revenue. This mix supports both flexible regional initiatives and restricted, program-specific work.

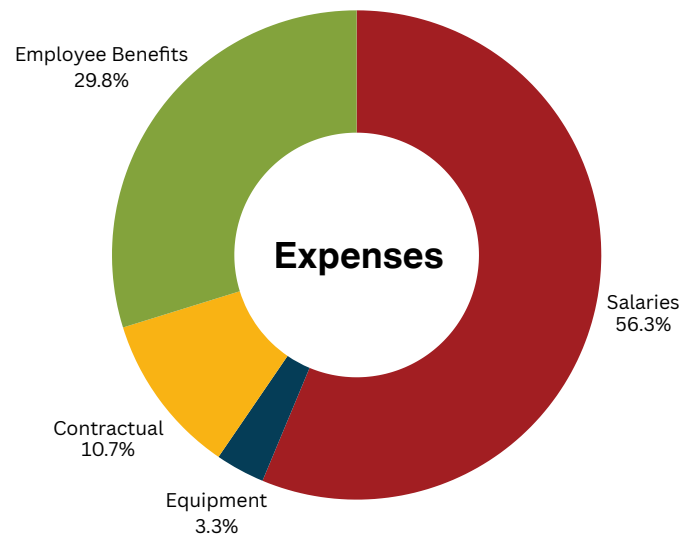
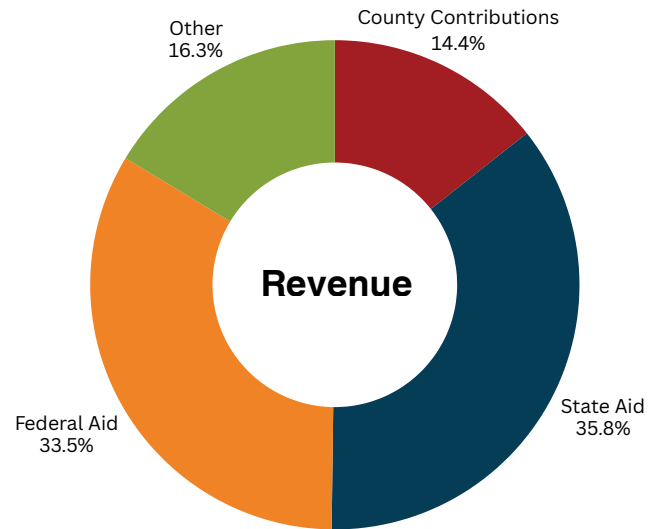


Fund Balance December 31, 2024
\$704,616

2025	REVENUE
County Contributions	\$228,878
State Aid	\$570,839
Federal Aid	\$532,927
Other	\$260,241
Total Revenue	\$1,592,885

2025	EXPENSES
Staff Salaries	\$832,511
Equipment	\$48,249
Contractual	\$157,677
Employee Benefits	\$440,597
Total Expenses	\$1,479,034

Fund Balance December 31, 2025
\$818,467



Note: these numbers may be slightly different than those contained in the final 2025 Audited Financial Statements.

CDRPC MILESTONES 1967-2025

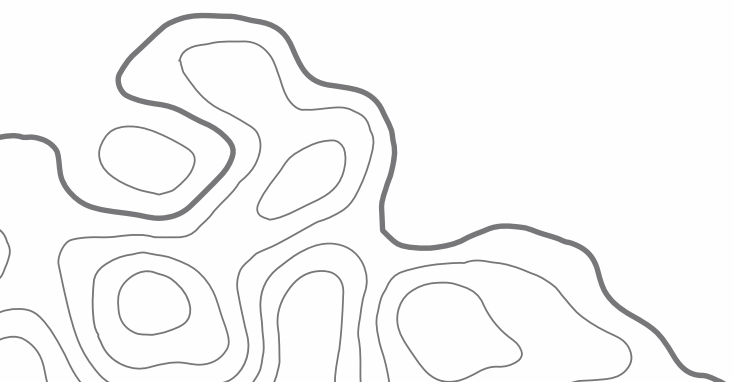


- 1967** ● CDRPC established by Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga, and Schenectady counties
- 1975** ● Draft Regional Development Plan released
- 1978** ● Formation of the Economic Development District
First issue of Capital District Data
- 1982** ● Publication of A Profile of the Capital Region
- 1985** ● Establishment of Foreign Trade Zone 121
- 1996** ● Groundbreaking for Capital District Juvenile Secure Detention Facility
Implementation of Regional GIS
- 1998** ● Regional Development Forum at Albany Law School
- 1999** ● Publication of The Capital District Atlas and Regional Growth Patterns study
- 2002** ● Albany Pool Communities begin work on Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) system
- 2012** ● Launch of Climate Smart Communities Pilot
- 2015** ● Kickoff of Albany CSO Pool Communities Corporation Long-Term Control Plan Implementation
- 2016** ● Launch of Clean Energy Communities Program
- 2017** ● Climate Smart Communities Program launched
- 2018** ● Raise the Age implementation at Secure Detention
- 2020** ● Launch of CapitalRegionIndicators.org data dashboard
Facilitation of \$1M grant supporting Monument Square redevelopment in Troy
Support to capitalize \$8.7M revolving loan fund with Capital Region Chamber
Completion of Phase 1 Clean Energy Communities program delivering nearly \$8M in grants
- 2021** ● Award of \$1.2M NYS DEC Climate Leadership Grant
Deployment of \$200K in federal CARES Act funding to county economic development agencies
- 2023** ● Award of U.S. EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (~\$1M) for Capital Region Climate Action Plan
- 2024** ● Completion of Priority Climate Action Plan under EPA CPRG
Ribbon cutting for Beaver Creek Clean River Project
- 2025** ● Completion of Capital Region Comprehensive Climate Action Plan across 8 counties
Rededication of Capital District Juvenile Secure Detention Facility following renovation and expansion



CDRPC extends its sincere appreciation to its dedicated staff, regional partners, and community stakeholders for their collaboration and support.

The Commission looks forward to continuing its mission of regional planning, sustainability, and data-driven decision-making in the coming year.



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